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PREFACE.

THE following pages contain an exact reproduction in print of the Diary and Proceedings for 1755 of the "Committee for transacting affairs with the Country Government." The original manuscript is the fourth volume of the series known as the Consultation volumes of the Government of Fort St. George in the Military department and is in a fair state of preservation though the binding is worn and loose.

In December 1750 Saunders began to record military and political transactions in special volumes, in order to secure as much secrecy as possible in these matters. The Court of Directors approved of this and appointed a Select Committee of Council, in 1751 and again in 1754, to conduct the war and manage the Company's relations with the Country powers. Herein is the origin of the Military department, of which this and the preceding volumes of this series form the earliest records.

The year opens with the discussion of measures to give effect to the truce, negotiated in the previous year by Saunders who handed over charge to George (afterwards Lord) Pigot on the 14th January and sailed for England. Commissaries were appointed by both sides to inquire into alleged violations of the terms agreed on; but their discussions were not harmonious. It was felt that the truce marked only a pause in the war, not the end of it; the French still cherished schemes of aggression; and the English Commissaries complain "that they affect a superiority throughout the contested districts in order to gain upon the minds of the people." All the year both sides kept on the alert, for fear of what the other might do, and pushed their own interests as far as possible short of coming to blows.

It was essential to the English interests in the South that the Tondiman and the Rajah of Tanjore should remain, not only in alliance with Muhammad Ali, but also on good terms with each other. But disputes arose over forts claimed by both, and difficulty was found in soothing their common irritation. Meanwhile the Nawab was steadily being re-established in his dominions with the aid of the Company's 'Military and Seapoys' under Colonel Heron, and the refractory poligars of Madura and Tinnevelly were for a while coerced into obedience. The next step was the transfer of the Nawab's Court from Trichinopoly to Arcot, the ancient 'Seat of the Soubah of the province.' He entered Arcot on August the 21st, and visited the President at Fort St. George on the 30th of the same month. Perceval with a detachment of troops under Major Kilpatrick was deputed to assist him in concluding agreements with the renters of the Arcot country, and by the close of the year his authority was generally recognised.

The terms on which the Company's assistance was given reveal the progress which the Company had made, thanks to Saunders, Lawrence and Clive. It is impossible not to contrast the tone in which help had been sought to repulse the French from Fort St. David in 1747 and 1748 with that in which the English

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Government now accorded their assistance to Muhammad Ali, for which they received, by the bond executed in 1754, what was virtually a mortgage of the country. At the same time the misdeeds of Colonel Heron foreshadow what was to become a source of trouble and danger to the Company's Government in after years.

While the English candidate was thus established at Arcot, Bussy and the French were still supreme at Hyderabad. By way of supporting English influence to the Northward, Pigot and the Committee agreed that the Nawab should join the league organised against Salabat Jang by the Nawab of Cuddapah, a design recalling the traditional hostility of the Pathan Nawabs which had led in 1751 to the death of Muzaffar Jang. But as the event showed, the time for the overthrow of French predominance at Hyderabad and in the Circars was not yet come.

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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1755.

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Diary and Proceedings of the Committee for Transacting Affairs with the Country Government Began 1st. January 1755.

——FORT St. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755.——

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 1755.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS Esq^r. GOVERN^r. PRESIDENT
GEORGE PIGOT — STRINGER LAWRENCE
CHARLES BODDAM — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ———
WILLIAM PERCEVAL — JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER
A^r. WYNCH *absent.*

The Exchange of Prisoners propos'd by Mr. Godeheu and the Means of relieving those who may remain unexchang'd being consider'd it is Agreed that the private Men be exchang'd Man for Man & the Officers for others of equal Rank, that if any Officers remain then unexchang'd they be set at Liberty on their Parole, that as far as one hundred private Men be conducted to Pondicherry in Detachments to be sent to Europe in the French Ships if M^r. Godeheu will engage that they shall proceed to Europe and that none of the Men belonging to the Ships they shall be sent on, be detain'd in India or at the Islands in [their] Room, and that as many of the remainder

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of the French Prisoners as possible be exchang'd if he approves of it for [English] Deserters on promise of Pardon and the rest brought into [the] Garrisons of Fort St. George and Fort St·. David.

THOS· SAUNDERS.
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HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR· WYNCH.
WILLM· PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS· BOURCHIER.

Messrs· Clouet & Jobin set out for Pondicherry with a Letter from the President to Mr· Godeheu of this Date as enter'd in the French Correspondence No·. 1.

MONDAY THE 6TH·

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR·	GOVERNR· PRESIDENT
GEORGE PIGOT	STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY	RT· ORME
ALEXR· WYNCH	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Mr· Godeheu's Letters of the 23d· & 29th· Ultimo Enter'd No·. 62 and 65 are now read and taken into Consideration.

Agreed that the Pagodas 476 : 11 : 65 being the amount of the Damages done by the French Party under the Command of Mr· Laws, which Mr· Godeheu consents to make Good, be included in the General Account of Adjustmts: to be made by the Person's commission'd on both Sides to examine into the Infringements of the Suspension. Captn· Edmund Maskelyne & Ensign Francis Paccard are now appointed Commissaries on our part for that Service.

With Regard to the Fort of Sadgul which is the Subject of Mr· Godeheu's Letter of the 29th· it is positively stipulated in the Provisional Treaty that neither the Nabob, the English nor the French nor any of the Allies of either Party, shall, during the Truce procure any new Possession; It seems therefore most Just that this Fort should remain in the Hands of the Relations of Eraset Cawn, or whoever now holds it and although Abdul Vahat Cawn in a Letter to the President very much reccommends the taking of it as it is a Place of great Consequence by commanding one of [the] Passes into the Province it is Agreed that a Letter be wrote [him] to desist from sending his Troops thither.

Order'd that a Letter be prepar'd to [advise Mr· Gode]heu of the foregoing Circumstances & that We [expect he will] shew the same Regard to the Stipulations of the [Treaty] as We have.

As the Articles of the Provisional Treaty lately concluded are of so moderate a Nature with Regard to the Possessions intended to be reserv'd in the H[ands] of the English and French, that they cannot but be highly agreeable to the Country Government, it is agreed that Letters be prepar'd to acquaint the Mogul and Salaba[d] Jung of the Particulars of the Treaty, and that a proper Person be fix'd on to carry them.

That We may arrive at some Certainty of the Revenues the several Countries now in the Nabob's Possession will produce, which will enable us to judge how much the Company may expect to receive towards the discharge of their Debt after leaving him a Handsome Allowance for the Support of his Dignity It is Order'd that a particular Statement be drawn out upon the best Information procureable, & laid before the Committee; And

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As it will be a great Addition to the Credit of the Nabob in the Country & raise him much in the Minds of the People to see him peaceably settled at Arcot It is Agreed to reccommend it to him to come thither and to desire him to keep his Family as much as possible in one Place with him which will save the Expence of supporting seperate Courts.

With the same View the Committee considering that Provisions in a Time of Tranquillity will become even much Cheaper in the Country than in our Settlements [do] Agree that the Batta of the Military and Seapoys in the several Out Garrisons of Trichinopoly, Arcot Changalaput &c^a^ be taken off and only the common Pay allow'd except to the Commanding Officer of each Garrison who must [be] at an extraordinary Expence in entertaining Strang[ers] and bringing Necessaries from the Settlements, and there[fore] is to be continued on Batta.

Agreed that this Order be carried into Force at the two Last Places on the first of February next and at Trichinopoly on the first of March next, which previous Notice is necessary to be allow'd for the setting up proper Buzzars for the supplying Provisions the prices whereof the Commanders may be order'd to acqu[aint] us with that We may be Judges whether this Alteration will be any Hardship upon our People.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Heron.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^a^ & Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence.

Honble Sir and Sirs No. 7

I wrote to you the 6th Instant enclosing a Return of the Army, which I hope you will have receiv'd.

Sometime ago a Polligar call'd Lychanair, whose Country is about 30 Miles to the westward of Trichinopoly, came down with his Coleries and plunder'd the Villages near which our advanc'd Seapoys Guards were posted, We had a large Quantity of Grain bought up there for the Supply of the Garrison, and did not know but his [Design was, to take or destroy it. On speaking to the Nabob] he inform'd me he had all along been in his Interest, and that he would write to him to demand Satisfaction for these Injuries, he did so, but never got any Answer; A Second time they repeated these Ravages and carried away a good many Cattle belonging to those Villages in Possession of our Troops, not knowing to what Length this might be carried, by the repeated desires of the Nabob, I sent up a Detachment of Military consisting of 150 Men, 2 Guns, 500 Seapoys under the Command of Capt^n^ Zeigler, & the Nabob's Horse & Seapoys, as a protection to his own Officers, who went up to demand formal Satisfaction of Lychahair, I was the more induc'd to agree to it, as I receiv'd certain Advices of Coke Saibs leaving the Madura Country, and being at Tripotore or [*sic*] his return to Join the Mysore Troops at Cherringham, his Army is reported about 1000 Horse 500 Seapoys & 100 French they add that he has rais'd considerable Contributions, which he is to bring down with him. As this Man has not paid any regard to the Suspension, I thought it would be necessary to keep an Eye on his Motions, this Party will be very well enabled to do it; at the same time I have given them strict Orders not to infringe the terms of the Suspension by any Acts of Hostility whatever, or enter any part of the Country that was either in Alliance or possession of the French or King of Mysore when the Cessation took Place; they can if necessary rejoin the Army in twenty four Hours.

As the Time of taking the Field draws near I should be glad the different Troops who are to act with us, were drawn together as soon as possible, the King of Tanjore told me when I was down with him, that Monajee should join me with his Troops if the War commenc'd again how far his Promises are [to be depended on I know not, but I have not failed representing] in the strongest manner possible both to him and Tondiman, the Necessity of their joining us, that We may Act as vigourously as possible; as to the Nabob's Horse I believe they will be of little Use, he is

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much in Arrears to them, and when their Service will be wanted, I am much afraid they will demand Terms he cannot comply with. I have made all necessary Preparations for Ourselves and We only wait for the Stores from Deve Cotah, to have every thing in compleat Order; As you have the Returns of the Army, you will be best Judges whether the present Number of Seapoys will be sufficient, and in what manner the Force of Europeans will enable me to act.

As We have few Officers in the Field, and of those only two Captains I should be glad that those gone down on Furlo were order'd to rejoin the Army by the end of the Suspension.

We have only one Surgeon and his present State of Health is so bad, that he is not at all to be depended on, there[fore] hope you will send us up in Time some other Assistance.

I am Hoñble Sir, & Sirs with great Esteem
Your most Obedient & most Hñble Servant
ALEXR. HERON.

Woriore
12th Decembr. 1754.

The Committee approve of Major Heron's sending the Party, to prevent the Ravages of the Polygar and Agree that the Army remain for some time longer in the Field to the same End & to watch the Motions of the King of Mysore who will probably alter his Measures upon the Truce, and that the Supplying Trichenopoly with at least a Years Store of Provisions be again reccommended.

Order'd that Letters be prepar'd immediately agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions, for Major Heron, Major Killpatrick, Captn. Howes, and Captn. Gauppe & that Mr. Godeheus Letter to the Mysore Dalloway be inclos'd in the former.

The Detachment from Camp under the Command of Captn. Forbes having march'd to Trevendaporum and lain there hitherto to be in readiness to take the Field, It is now Agreed that they move into the Garrison of Fort St. David to avoid any further Expence and a Letter is order'd to be wrote to the Deputy Governour and Council accordingly; But as it might be dangerous at once to put on too great an Appearance of Security in a Place so nearly situated to Pondicherry it is Agreed that the Bullocks & other Warlike Necessaries be still held in such readiness that a Detachment may be able to move at a short warning.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Colonel Adlercron in Answer to ours of the 31st. Ultimo.

To the Hoñble the President and Council
at Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

I this Day have receiv'd your Letter with the Account of the Treaty: and sincerely congratulate you on it as I hope it will turn out conformable to the real Interest of the India Company and your desires, I shall give Orders for its being proclaim'd at the Head of his Majesty's Troops.

I have the Honor to be Geñtn:
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
JOHN ADLERCRON.

Cuddalore
3 Jañry 1755.

As the Men of War will now be quite useless on this Coast for a Year and a half and We are persuaded Admiral Watson will very readily concur in any Scheme for employing His Majesty's Ships during that Time to the Advantage of the Company. It is Agreed to mention it to Mr. Bourchier Governour of Bombay that if he thinks an Expe[dition] against Angria prudent and practicable he may propose [it] to the Admiral.

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A Letter from Nabob Anaverde Cawn inclosing [Copy] of a Phirmaund he has receiv'd from the great Mogull, for the Government of Arcot and Trichinopoly, together with two Letters from the Grand Viziers all which are enter'd in the Book of Country Correspondence.

Order'd that the Account Current receed from the Tri[passore] Renter be examin'd with the Agreement made with him and the Statement laid before the Committee.

Captn. Howes writes that he has discharg'd the Dubash against whom Sasha Chella Chitty made the Complaint and that Morarow has continued for some time at Sarsaparam.

Captn. Gauppe advises that he has dispatch'd two hundred & thirty Bullocks for Fort St. David but that he has detain'd four at the Desire of one of the Nabob's Family who says they cost him 300 Rupees a pair. Order'd that they be restor'd.

He writes also that a Party of 50 French Horse are arriv'd at Utrimaloor, which Fort they are repairing.

The Renter of the Seven Maganams of the Trepassore Country complaining by a Petition now read that a Polligar nam'd Moodiapa has frequently made incursions and plunder'd the Village of Tirumanum on which Account many of the Inhabitants of that part of the Country have fled away it is Order'd that the Complaint be examin'd into and that a Letter be wrote to the Polligar to tell him to desist, and to make ample Reparation for the Damage he has done, otherwise that proper Measures will be taken to oblige him to it.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Sent the following Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David Major Heron & Major Killpatrick, also Letters to Captns. Howes and Gauppe, agrecable to the Resolutions made the 6th. Instant 8TH.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
&cA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Gentlemen

You will immediately on the Receipt hereof order the Detachment under the Command of Captn. Forbes to march into Garrison and Advance Money to Mr. James Bourchier for defraying the Charges.

Although a Truce is concluded which We hope will produce lasting Tranquility to the Country, We wou'd not at once put on too great an Appearance of Security therefore let the Bullocks be kept, and every Thing held in readiness for a Detachment to march at a short Warning in case any Motion should be made at Pondicherry, from which Place you will be particularly careful constantly to get the best Intelligence possible.

It is on all Accounts proper that the Deputy Governour should reside in the Fort. We shall find some Method of accomodating Admiral Watson.

Lieutenant Palmer has Permission to come to Madrass of which you will give him information. We are, Gentlemen, Your most Obedient Servants THOS. SAUNDERS—GEO: PIGOT—STRINGR. LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

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[8TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755.*——

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE HOÑBLE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

We wrote you under date the 31st. Decembr. to advise you of the Truce concluded. You are not upon this Accou[nt] to be less attentive to the Object of Provisions for Trichinopoly; We would have at least a years Store always in the Town; at proper Seasons the Buzzars should be supplied with the old Grain and the same Quantity of new replac'd.

We think it necessary the Army should remain in its present Situation for a short time untill We see what Tu[rn] the King of Mysore may take upon the Truce; you will be particular in your Advices upon that Subject. If he should attempt to ravage any Districts in the Nabob's Possession summon the Fren[ch] Commanding Officer to join you and send a proper Party to opp[ose] him, for Representations have been made often enough. If [there] are any Countries taken from the Nabob since the Commencem[ent] of the Suspension, get the Particulars of the Fact attested in the clearest and fullest manner possible, and transmit it to us, an Enquiry being intended into the several Complaints made by both Parties, that a just Satisfaction may be given.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 12th. and approve of your sending the Detachment under Captain Ziegler to prevent the Ravages of the Poligar.

It is our Intention that the German Deserters shou'd be first dispos'd of to compleat the Swiss Companies and those remaining afterwards, to be divided among the English. We are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants THOMAS SAUNDERS—GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBT. ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
8th. Jañry: 1755.

To MAJOR KILLPATRICK.

Sir

We have already advis'd you of the Conclusion of the Truce whereupon it has been resolv'd to reduce all extraordinary Charges & that only the Comanding Officer at the several Out-Garrisons be allow'd Batta on Account of the Expence he must be at in bringing Necessaries from the Settlements; The rest of the Officers therefore together with all the Military and Seapoys under your Command are to have no more than their Pay after the 1st. of March next unless upon Occasions of sending a Detachment abroad in which Cases Batta is to be allow'd as usual. This previous Notice is given that a proper Buzzar may be set up for the supplying Provisions which are certainly in a Time of Tranquillity to be purchas'd in all Parts of the Country even much cheaper than in our Settlements. You will publish this Order to your Garrison and acquaint us with the Prices of Provisions in your Buzzars.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 6th. Decembr. on the Subject of the Seapoys. Our Information in that Affair came from Colonel Lawrence which you cannot but allow to be regular We are, Sir, Your most Obedient Servants, THOS. SAUNDERS—GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBT: ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
8th. Jañry 1755.

9TH. Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Godeheu of this Date agreeable to Resolution of the 6th. as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 2.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755.*——

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Godeheu to the President dated 5th. Instant enclosing Articles concerning the Exchange of Prisoners, as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 3,—and one Copy of the two Additional Articles sign'd by Mr. Godeheu. 9TH.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. having delivered over the Government to George Pigot Esqr. and embark'd for England this Morning, A Letter from the President to Mr. Godeheu was dispatch'd to advise him of this Appointment, as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 4. 14TH.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR, PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR: WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Mr. Godeheu's Letter of the 5th. Instant with the Articles propos'd by him concerning the Exchange is now taken into Consideration. The French Prisoners are a very heavy Burthen and We shall gladly send as many as possible to Europe not only for the Relief of those poor People but for our own Ease, We are however of Opinion that it is not proper to bind ourselves to it by Articles because it is very doubtfull how far our Ships will enable us to comply with them; Capt Bonham of the Norfolk receiv'd none representing that his Ship was too much crouded. Only one more, the Winchelsea is to be dispatch'd from hence the propos'd Number therefore of 180 can by no Means be provided with a Passage. If Mr. Godeheu had been inclin'd to exchange English Deserters against French Prisoners, the Number might have been lessen'd but he has taken no Notice at all of this Proposal; Agreed therefore that it be again mention'd to him and an Offer made him that in such Case the French Deserters we have shall also be given up on promise of Pardon & a reciprocal Engagement enter'd into to deliver up in future to each other on the same Condition all Deserters of the two Nations. The two first Articles stipulating the present Exchange of Officers and Soldiers as far as the Numbers will admit it is Agreed to put immediately in Execution and Order'd that Captain Gauppe be directed to release Captn. Pascaud and Ensign Le Maintier who are included in the Exchange together with the rest of the French Officers in Changalapet, not mention'd in the Exchange after taking their Parole not to serve in India untill a definitive Peace or another Exchange and that some of our Officers be sent to Pondicherry to receive the English Prisoners there. WEDNESDAY THE 15TH.

The following are the Letters receiv'd from Major Heron since last meeting.

TO THE HOÑBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE &CA.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd the favour of your Letters of the 17th. and 21st. of this Month, also those of the 1st. and 6th. November, which I acknowledged in mine of the 6th. Instant.

As both Captns. Forbes and Ogilvie are march'd with the Detachment lately sent from hence to Fort St. David I had not an Opportunity of communicating your Instructions to them.

Capt. Zeiglier rejoin'd the Army with his Command the 22d Instant, I had given him positive Orders not to act offensively, and finding it impossible to bring those Polligars to Terms by any other Means, I order'd them to return: 4 Coffreys of his Party were wounded by some Coleries, who fir'd from a Tope which they abandon'd immediately afterwards a few Bullocks and Sheep taken by the Nabob's Officers, were given to him for his own Use. Cooksaib has likewise rejoin'd the

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Mysore Army, with the Troops that has been down in the Madura Country, and I am inform'd that some of the Mysoreans are demanding considerable Contributions from the Toriore Polligar, and threaten if he does not Pay two hundred Thousand Rupees immediately, they will give his Country to the Polligar of Ariolore, who has offer'd that Sum to be put in Possession of it; I have all along so strictly adher'd to the Terms of the Suspension, that I am daily insulted by the French Cooleys crossing the Covery immediately in the front of our Camp and taking what Forrage they think proper I have made them Prisoners and sent them back with Remonstrances to Mr. Maissin, who has hitherto taken no Care to prevent it.

If by the French their sending Reinforcements to Syringham, a larger Force should be thought necessary for us, I should be glad the Remainder of the Swiss (as many of them are already here) and my own Company were sent up, the latter I know have an Attachment, and from their coming out in the same Ship would be glad to act with me; The Force at Syringham by our Advices from that Place consists of about 150 Europeans 100 Topasses and 1500 Seapoys in the French Pay, the Mysore Horse have most of them recross'd the River to the Island, and are reported to be 6000 there and at Pathundy, besides as other parties that are raising Contributions in the Country, and expected to join them soon, their Seapoys and Peons are likewise very numerous; we have also Intelligence that 400 Europeans and 7 Companies of Seapoys were at Vicatchellum 4 Days ago, were [*sic*] they are destin'd I can't tell, but hear they expect strong Reinforcements up this way, I am inform'd also by the same People that 700 Europeans & 2000 Seapoys were at Wordare, and intended to act towards the Arcot Country.

Our Supplys encrease much in three or four Days when I send the other Returns, I shall enclose one of the Magazines which I hope will give you some Satisfaction and I have Reason to think a little Time will compleat them fully to your Wishes; I can assure you I have spar'd no Pains or Sollicitations either with the King of Tanjore or Tondiman, but as I believe they had no Desire We should get our Stores in Trichinopoly compleated, they were glad to have the bad Weather for their Excuse, that is now over and We have already found the good Effects of it; Mr. Hopkins not being able to get Conveyance for the Stores from Deve Cotah I was under a Necessity to send him down 40 Bullocks and 200 Coolies, which has retarded our Magazine of Wood and also the bringing in of the Paddy that was ready purchased.

A few Days ago I quitted the Pagoda's, and encamped near them, they were become very offensive, which made me fear it might create some Distempers; should the state of Garrison require larger Supplys of Grain than We shall be able to lay up by the end of the Suspension I purpose marching to cover those Villages near Cortolong which our Army took possession of before the Suspension of Arms and have continued so ever since, large Quantities of Paddy are now ready, and more will be so as fast as the Country People can gather it in.

As We may soon expect Hostilities to re-commence should be glad to know, whether you would have regular Returns sent down after that Time.

The Nabob assures me his distress encreases daily, and that he has scarce sufficient to support his Family; We have now with us above 500 Horse, and near the same Number of Seapoys, Ginjauls and Peons, they have been very clamorous for their Pay, & he tells me it is entirely out of his Power to satisfie them, and therefore propos'd sending them back to the Arcot Country, I told him his best way was to apply to you and keep them here till he receiv'd your Answer; I don't at all expect he will be able to get them to agree to it; He seems of late very disconsolate and I am under some Apprehensions that his Health may be affected by it, He has a numerous Train of Brothers and their followers, who are of little use to him, and I am convinc'd help to encrease his Difficulties by depriving him of any small Sums, he might otherwise appropriate to his own particular Use, could these by any Means be remov'd from him it certainly would relieve him greatly; I do assure you his distress

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is greater than can be imagin'd, any little Sums I could I have endeavour'd to throw in his way, to make him as easy as possible; I should be very glad that some Answer was sent to him as soon as possible.

In a letter I receiv'd the other Day from Monojee he tells me that they have a great Feast at Combaconam which will continue 6 Weeks longer, and till that is expir'd he cant come up to join me with his Troops, he seems apprehensive that our Force here is not sufficient, and desir'd I would represent to you, that a larger one might be sent, I told him We were much superiour to the French and that he might be assur'd if they sent up any more Troops that you would do the same.

I have order'd the Man who is under Sentence of a General Court Martial to receive half his Punishment [as you desire] I shall suspend trying the Man of the Train till I receive the Order for holding General Courts Martial from Col^l. Adlercron.

The Villages I mention'd above, where I purpose marching to cover our sending in the Supplies of Paddy to Trichinopoly lay very convenient both for the French and Mysore Armies & should We not take proper Care to have a sufficient Force there, We may depend on their retaking Possession of them and it is the only Place where I can be assur'd of having such Quantities. I am Hoñble Sir & Sirs with great Esteem Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Woriore Camp
30 Decem^r. 1755. ALEX^R. HERON.

P.S. As you have been pleas'd to say all Disputes with Colonel Adlercron are adjusted and that he is not to interfere with our Garrisons or Troops in them, but have not explain'd the other Particulars, undoubtedly many other Points of Duty will arise if We take the Field together tho with seperate Armies, therefore should be glad to know as soon as possible the Nature of his Command and how far I am subject to it.

TO THE HOÑBLE SAUNDERS ESQ^R. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I did not receive your Commands of the 20^th. last Month till Yesterday, I shall pay a strict obedience to any Orders I may receive from Colonel Adlercron, and have sent him returns of the Army Stores, Magazines &c^a.

I shall continue to send you Returns of the Army as usual, while We continue in seperate Bodies, unless I should receive any Orders from Col^l. Adlercron to the Contrary.

I have just now receiv'd Advice from Syringham that 50 Europeans, 50 Seapoys, a Mortar and 50 Bullock's Load of Stores are arriv'd there from the Coast. I am Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Woriore ALEX^R. HERON.
the 1^st. Jañry 1755.

As Captains Forbes and Ogilvie and most of the German Deserters are arriv'd at Fort S^t. David Agreed that the Orders lately given to Major Heron concerning them be now sent to M^r. Starke.

Consideration being had on the Expences of the Nabob the Committee are of Opinion that they might be very much reduc'd if he was to reside at Arcot and get his Family collected into one Place for it is certain that every Brother while he has a separate Command will keep up an Attendance equal to the Nabob's by which means the Revenues are squander'd away. Besides as Arcot was the former Seat of the Soubah of the Province the Nabob's Removal thither will add greatly to his Credit in

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the Country and settle him more firmly in the Government. But the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries with the Districts in the hands of the several Polligars round Trichenopoly which us'd to produce immense Revenues deserve his first Attention and he should endeavour to fix them in his Obedience before he Moves. The Polligars and People who now hold them, taking Advantage of the Troubles refuse any Payment to the Nabob, although most of them receiv'd Phirmaunds from him by Virtue of which they got Possession of the Countries. It will be most prudent first to try fair Means to reduce them to his Obedience by representing to them that every thing is now settled upon the old footing and that they must pay the usual Rents promising them at the same Time his Favour and Protection. If forcible Measures were to be taken the Polligars might possibly disown any Dependance on the Nabob and claim the Assistance of the French who would thereby have an Opportunity of interposing under Pretence that as these Countries were not in the Hands of the Nabob at the Time of the Truce it is an infringement of the Treaty to attempt [the] Possession of them. After he has once got himself acknowledg'd he will have an indisputable Right to insist on the Revenues and We to help in collecting them without leaving any one even a Pretence of Complaint.

Agreed that Major Heron do accompany the Nabob with the Army when he moves for Arcot and wait there for our Orders, that he leave 500 Men with 6 Field Pieces and a proper Number of the Train under the Command of Major Kilpatrick in the Garrison of Trichenopoly for the Security of that Place and to enable him to send out a strong Detachment in case of any Disturbance in the Districts around, which will be no additional Expence as by our Resolution last meeting, Batta is not to be allow'd in any of the Garrison's after the Time mention'd in those Minutes.

Order'd that Captain's Polier Smith and Callendar remain in the Garrison of Trichenopoly and that Captns. Lin and Beaver do join Major Heron that he may not be in want of Offi[cers] to march the Army down, and

For the Sake of a more distinct Knowledge of the Strength and Situation of the Troops it is Resolv'd that the Captains on every Command shall have the Men of their own Company with them; Accordingly that the Garrison of Trichenopoly shall consist of the Companies of Major Killpatrick; Capt[ns.] Polier, Smith and Callendar. The rest of the Companies shall be levell'd in the same Manner as soon as the Army arrives on the Coast.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Killpatrick.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd the Honour of your Letters of the 7th. 20th. and 21st. of December, and shall observe your Directions concerning Coll. Adlercron.

With regard to the Fortifications of the Fort, I have got all the Workmen that could be procur'd in making the most necessary Repairs, which you may be assur'd my strictest Attention and Diligence shall not be wanting to get done as soon as possible. The Nabob has represented his Circumstances so low to me, that it is impossible for me to have the least Assistance from him as to any thing there may be requir'd. I mention this to you, as you seem to lay some weight on him in the furnishing of Workmen and Materials, neither of which he has declar'd to me he has it in his Power to assist with.

I have only to add that herewith are enclosed my Accounts and usual Returns for last Month with a List of Medicines receiv'd by Doctor Willson, and to assure You that I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trichinopoly
3d Janry 1755.

James Killpatrick.

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The Store of Provisions in Trichinopoly the 31^st. of last Month agreeable to the Return sign'd by Major Heron was sufficient for 3000 Men for 266 Days.

M^r. Hopkins Capt. Howes and Capt. Gauppe write that the Truce has been proclaim'd at Deve Cotah, Arcot and Changalapet.

Order'd that Letters to M^r. Starke, Major Heron and Major Killpatrick be prepar'd agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions.

Nizab Mahomed Cawn Killedar of Chettapet complains in a Letter now read that 50 of the Bullocks he provided have been stopp'd on the Road to Fort St. David by some of the French Sepoys. Agreed that it be represented to M^r. Godeheu and that he be desir'd to send Orders immediately for their Release.

The President is desir'd to write Letters to the Nabob, King of Tanjore and all others with whom we have any Connection in the Country to advise of M^r. Saunders's departure and of his Appointment to the Government.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.

Sent a Letter from the President to M^r. Godeheu of this Date agreeable to the foregoing Resolution as enter'd in the French Correspondence N^o. 5. also the following Letter to Major Heron.

To ALEX^R. HERON ESQ^R. MAJOR OF THE COMPYS. FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

M^r. Saunders embark'd Yesterday for England & M^r. Pigot succeeds him in the Government of the Coast.

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 30^th. December and 1^st. Instant. M^r. Godeheu writes us that he has sent repeated Orders to the Commanding Officer of the French to observe the Terms of the Suspension and keep all his People within the Limits of their own Possessions, therefore if any more Insults of the Nature you mention should be offer'd you, after giving the necessary Notice to the French Officer you must resent it.

We have advis'd the Nabob to come to Arcot by the direct Road from Trichinopoly and think proper to direct that you accompany him with the Army leaving Captains Polier Smith and Callender with five hundred Men Rank and File, in the Garrison of Trichenopoly under the Command of Major Killpatrick, and our Intention is for the Sake of more distinctness that these Men shall belong entirely to the Companies of the Captains station'd there.

Captain Polier is to carry with him all the Men of his Company that are here or at S^t. David. It consists of about 130. You must add 370 Men, Rank and File which are to be equally divided into three Companies for Major Killpatrick Capt^n. Smith and Capt^n. Callender. The Rest of the Companies shall be levell'd as soon as you arrive on the Coast with the Army. You will wait at Arcot till you receive Orders from us, and that you may not be in want of Officers for your Command We have directed Captains Lin and Beaver to join you. Capt^n. Ziegler has wrote that he is indispos'd and would be glad to come into Garrison if he still finds it necessary you will give him Leave.

Altho' we have advis'd the Nabob to come to Arcot We should be very glad if he could first settle his Affairs in the Trichenopoly Districts. This must be done by fair Means: Let him endeavour, and do you assist as much as Possible to engage the People of Madura and Tinnevely and the different Polligars about, by Promises

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of Favour and Protection to acknowledge him as Nabob and receive Phirmaunds from him for the different Countries in their Hands. This would secure his Right from being contested by the French, who in Case we were to use Force might make a Pretence to say that the Nabob contrary to the Articles was attacking a Country which was not in his Possession at the commencement of the Truce. If he can once manage to get himself acknowledg'd, his Title to the Revenues cannot be disputed afterwards.

We are glad to see so good a Store of Provisions is in the Town; Let it be compleated as fast as possible.

Leave 6 field Pieces with Major Killpatrick and a Number of the Train sufficient if there should be occasion to make use of them, also all the Military Stores you have over and above what it will be necessary to bring with you. We are, Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
15th. Jañry. 1755.

16th. Sent the following Letters Richard Starke Esqr. and Major Killpatrick agreeable to Yesterday's Resolution.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

We wrote Colonel Heron some time ago that Captain Forbes should refund all the Batta he has drawn as Commanding Officer while he was in Camp at Trichenopoly as he could during that Time have no Right more than Captains Batta.

That Mr. Ogilvy having a Captain's Brevet should receive Batta accordingly which the Commissary at Camp had refus'd to pay him and

That the Germans deserted from the French were to be applied first to fill up the Swiss Companies and the Remainder to be divided among the English.

As Captains Forbes and Ogilvy and the German Deserters had left Camp before our Letter reach'd Coll. Heron we desire you will see the above Orders put in Execution.

We have directed Captain Cosby to repair to Fort St. David to remain there with the Bombay Detachment. Capts. Polier Lin and Beaver have Orders to proceed to Camp, they are all four to call at Pondicherry to take charge of the English Prisoners there and march them to Fort St. David If Mr. Godeheu will release them in Consequence of the Exchange agreed on. Capt. Polier is to take with him all the Men [of his] own Company that are in your Garrison.

We have wrote Mr. Godeheu that in case the English Prisoners are deliver'd he may send some of his Officers to receive an equal Number of French which are to be taken from Trichenopoly; You will therefore acquaint Major Killpatrick how many you receive and order him to deliver the same Number to the Officers that may be sent.

Inclos'd are Letters for Major Heron and Major Killpatrick left open for your Perusal after which you will close and forward them. We are, Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

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To MAJOR KILLPATRICK.

Sir

Mr. Saunders being embark'd for England Mr. Pigot has succeeded to the Presidency of this Coast.

We have advis'd the Nabob to come to Arcot and Colonel Heron is to accompany him with the Army leaving five hundred Men Rank and File in the Garrison under your Command. For Regularity Sake we have resolv'd that these Men shall consist entirely of your own Company and those of Captains Polier, Smith and Callender who are to remain with You.

To this Effect Captn. Polier is to carry with him to Trichinopoly all the Men that are here and at St. David belonging to his Company which consists of about 130. You are to have besides three hundred and seventy Men which must be form'd into three equal Companies for Yourself, Captn. Smith and Captn. Callender, Colonel Heron has Orders likewise to leave you six Field Pieces with a sufficient Number of the Train to make use of them, also all the Military Stores he has over and above what the Army will have occasion for on their March.

We have encreas'd your Garrison so considerably that you may be able always to detach a good Party in case any of the Nabob's Possessions should be insulted or attack'd contrary to the Terms of the Truce which are that he shall remain in full and quiet Enjoyment of whatever is now in his Hands.

We have wrote to the Nabob to endeavour to settle the Trichenopoly Districts before he comes away, to try by fair Means to get the People in Madura and Tinnevelly with all the Polligars round you to acknowledge him. Do you assist in this to your utmost by representing to them that the Country is now settled and that every thing is to be put on the old footing, promising them Protection against all that may attempt to disturb them. This is a very material Point and must be artfully manag'd for the Case is this, if We should use Force, they might resist and say they were independant of the Nabob which would give the French an Opportunity of interposing and pretending that it was an Infringement of the Truce for him to aim at the Possession of what is not now in his Hands if they can once be brought to acknowledge him and receive his Phirmaunds, he will have an indisputable Right afterwards to insist on the Revenues.

You will compleat the Provisions as fast as possible to a year's Store and let this always be kept up. At proper Seasons supply the Buzzars with the old Grain and replace it with new. We are, Sir, Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
16th. Jany 1755.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Godeheu directed to Mr. Saunders dated the 14th Instant as enter'd No. 6. [17TH.]

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT Esqr. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

[MONDAY THE 20TH.]

Mr. Godeheu's Letter dated the 14th. Instant No. 6 read and consider'd. Meer Saib the Person therein mention'd to be plundering the Country between Syringham and Pondicherry was according to the best Information we can get, sometime ago in

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the Service of the French and upon his leaving it got Possession of a small Fort near Verdachilum where he now resides but we do not find that he was ever in Pay of the Nabob; however the President is desir'd to write to the Nabob to put an end to these Disturbances if Meer Saib is in his Dependence, of which Resolution it is Agreed to acquaint Mr. Godeheu and that if he is found to belong to nobody, we shall be ready to enter into any Measures for quelling him.

The Committee are of Opinion that the most speedy and effectual way of settling the infringements of the Suspension of Arms will be for the Commissaries to meet on the very Spots, and as Complaints have come from both Parties concerning the Districts of Carangoly, it is agreed to propose to Mr. Godeheu to enter upon them first and to desire him to fix a Day for their meeting.

Received the following Letters from Major Heron and Major Killpatrick.

To the Hoñble Thos. Saunders Esqr. President and Governour and Gentlemen of the Committee at Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday I receiv'd your Favour of the 31st. December and this Morning accordingly proclaim'd a Truce till farther Orders at the Head of the Battalion, Train & Seapoys, I have communicated the same to the Nabob and King of Tanjore, and enjoin'd them to observe it very strictly; you may be assur'd on our Part I shall always endeavour to keep my Conduct so irreproachable, as to give no Cause of Complaint either to the French or their Allies.

The Nabob almost daily repeats to me the Distress he is in, and should the Army remove from this part of the Country nearer the Settlements he and his numerous Family must be in a miserable Condition, not any of the Polligars pay him the least Tribute that are near this Place, and many of them can have no Reason to dispute his Right as the French or Mysore Troops, have never been in their Country or had the least Connection with them; He informs me these Polligars are greatly in Arrears to him, that with the Assistance of our Force, he could collect large Sums of Money, which would be of infinite Service to his Affairs.

The Madura Country though entirely in Peace and Possesion of his own People, will not pay him the least acknowledgements, as long as they think he has not a Military Force to compell them to it, very large Sums are due to the Nabob, and am inform'd might easily be collected by marching a Body of Troops down there, without fear of any Opposition. I am

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
With great Esteem
Your most Obedient
and Humble Servant
Alexr. Heron.

Woriore the
9th. Janry 1755.

To the Hoñble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd your Letter of the 31st. of December and am to acquaint you that this Day I paid an Obedience to your Orders, in proclaiming to the whole Garrison your Resolutions as to a Truce, which I shall see is most strictly observ'd as far as concerns my Command. I have the Honour to be, with the greatest Respect, Hoñble Sir & Sirs, Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant

Trichinopoly the
9th. Janry 1755.

James Killpatrick.

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As a Resolution was taken last Committee concerning the Polligars &c^a. in the Districts of Trichenopoly and Orders have been sent accordingly, it is thought unnecessary to enter into any further Debate concerning them untill Answers are receiv'd to those Letters.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.

Captains Polier and Beaver set out for Pondicherry with a Letter from the President to M^r. Godeheu as Enter'd in the French Correspondence N^o. 7. 22D.

Sent a Letter from the President to M^r. Godeheu of this Date agreeable to the Resolutions of Committee the 20^th. Ent^d. N^o. 8. 23D.

Receiv'd two Letters from M^r. Godeheu to the President dated the 21^st Instant as Enter'd N^o. 9 & 10. 24TH.

AT A COMMITTEE SATURDAY THE 25TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEX^R. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

M^r. Godeheu's signifying to the President in his Letters N^o. 9 & 10 now read, that he is ready to enter into the Cartel propos'd for the delivering up Deserters, that he designs to embark for Europe in a Fortnight for which Reason he desires the French Prisoners exchang'd may be sent from Fort S^t. David instead of Trichenopoly, & that heavy Complaints have been brought him of the Incursions of Abdul Vahab Cawn into their Villages in the Dependence of Allamparva forty eight of which he is said to have taken Possession of It is Agreed

That Articles of a Cartel be drawn up and laid before the Council for their Approbation after which that they be sign'd & sent to M^r. Godeheu in two Copies whereof he is to return one sign'd by him and order'd that they be enter'd after these Minutes.

That a Second Copy of the Provisional Treaty and Treaty of Truce be transmitted to our Honble Masters by the French Ship on which M^r. Godeheu embarks that they may not be at a Loss in case he should arrive before M^r. Saunders and that a short Letter be prepar'd to accompany them as We do not think it proper to forward a Duplicate of the last General Address on any foreign Vessell.

That the French Prisoners exchang'd be deliver'd at Fort S^t. David.

That a Letter be wrote to Abdul Vahab Cawn enjoining him in the strongest Terms to deliver up all Places he has taken since the Suspension and to observe the Treaty strictly which Letter is order'd to be inclos'd to M^r. Godeheu for him to forward.

That one Hundred Prisoners exclusive of the Exchange be again offer'd to M^r. Godeheu to be sent home on the French Ships, under Condition that in Case the Troubles should recommence, and any of our Men be taken, the same Number shall be return'd to us; which Engagement it is absolutely necessary to insist on, for without it we should render ourselves answerable to any of our Men that might hereafter chance to be taken, who would be sure to recover their Liberty by an Exchange against these Prisoners were they to remain in Confinement And

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As it has been our constant Practice to send a Person Monthly from Fort St. David to Pondicherry to look after the English Prisoners there, it is Resolv'd to write to Mr. Godeheu to provide hereafter in the same manner for the French at Fort St. David, by which We shall be disburthen'd of a heavy Expence.*

*Enquiry having been made among the Prisoners after Dumenil the Soldier whose Release Mr. Godeheu is desirous of, it is found that he died some time ago at Arcot

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Heron inclosing one from Mr. Maissin, Commander of the French Troops to him.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esq &c.
Committee of Correspondence at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Van Sittart of the 2d. Instant enclosing me a Duplicate of Orders for the Suspension of Arms, and a Letter from Mr. Godeheu to the Mysore Dalloway, which he desir'd me to forward with any Representations I had to make, at the same Time; I accordingly did so on the part of the Toriore, Aniolore, and Volconda Polligars, by desire of the Nabob, who look'd on them as immediately under his Protection, and to whom they made frequent Complaints of the Mysoreans and French exacting Sums of Money from them, and plundering their Country on every Occasion; I sent my own Dubash with those Letters to the Dalloway who had some Conversation with him, I have therefore order'd him to write down the Particulars of what pass'd, which I enclose to you, as also Copies of several other Letters which he desir'd might be transmitted to you, I send also a Copy of my Letter to the Dalloway, and his Answer; from my addressing him on the Subject of Restitution to these Polligars, I receiv'd the enclos'd Letter from the French Commandant, which I thought necessary also to send, as He seems in that to take the Right of those Countrys to themselves, and that the Mysoreans had their Consent for any Tribute they rais'd. I am with great Esteem, Honble Sir and Sirs, Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Alexr. Heron.

Woriore
the 13th
Janry 1755.

To Alexr. Heron Esqr. Major &c.

Sir

The Rajah has communicated to me in [*sic*] the Letter you wrote him Yesterday. Amongst the Infringements you mention to have been committed during the Suspension of Arms, you speak of Toriore as if that District was in his Dependence.

It is proper to tell you Sir that Toriore is not Tributary to the Rajah, and if he has receiv'd or demanded any Money as you mention in your Letter, it is purely with our Consent, because our Troops having taken that Country by Force and Arms, The Polligar becomes personally ours.

Give me Leave then to reply to the Paragraph of your Letter on the Subject of this District, the present possession of which is our direct Concern.

You say Sir that Toriore has always been under the Protection of Trichenopoly, and paid an Annual Tribute; I believe it but as it is certain that when an Enemy is driven out of a Country of which he had made himself Master, the Territories return to the old Proprietors, so a Chief Tributary to an Enemy, consequently becomes the same to the Conqueror as soon as he has made himself Master of his Territories; The Tribute is naturally due to him untill the Enemy to whom it was due before shall have free'd the Country from the new Yoke. Thus the Polligar having become tributary to us as well as our Subject, his Right of Propriety being preserv'd to him.

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on these Conditions, and having acknowledg'd himself such by his Engagements, it is indisputable that as the Prince to whom he before paid Tribute has not freed him by Arms from our Dominion, We have a more than ordinary Right over him because he holds his new Possession from us; In virtue of which Right we can punish him whenever he becomes actually Criminal, and a third Party cannot interpose in what passes between us and him.

There is only one Objection possible to be made which is that although the Polligar of Toriore may always have been Tributary to Trichinopoly, he was nevertheless a Chief of himself; But the Answer which is natural is drawn from the Treaty of the Right of Nations; that in this Quality he has independent Rights which he may engage.

What is it then that can weaken the Engagements he has enter'd into with us, seeing that we have acquir'd a Right over him?

I ask also, whether after these Engagements were enter'd into there are any Troops of the Prince to whom he before always paid Tribute, that have freed the Polligar from our Dominion? No. Consequently he remains our Tributary and the Prince to whom He was so can have no Pretensions to the Tribute because he lost His Right the moment that We got Possession by the way of Arms.

If it was not thought necessary to insure the performance of the Conditions made with the said Polligar as might easily have been done by leaving a Garrison in Toriore, it was perhaps because it was imagin'd his good Faith might be depended on, perhaps too because it was thought there was a Way to prevent any Troops from going there and retaking it. But no Attempt of that Sort has been made, Toriore therefore having been taken by the way of Arms is become our Tributary and is Subject to pay what We demand at what Time and in what Circumstances we shall think proper and the Polligar having become a Rebel by the Solicitations he has been and is still making to Trichinopoly every Day for Troops to be sent him, and to prevent our demanding any more from him, in which Hopes refusing to pay the Tribute, it is incontestable that we have a Right to chastize him as rigourously as We think proper, even to dispossess him of his Country on account of his Revolt; and if We deal moderately with him leaving him the Possession of the Territories; if We content ourselves with punishing him with Lenity, as by the way of Money, it is owing to the Rules of Equity which are our Guide. But these Acts of Humanity in favour of a Rebel Subject are not out of Consideration for him but for an infinite Number of People who would be Victims to their Chiefs Want of Faith because of the Ravages which would of Necessity be committed, was he to be punish'd by the way of Arms.

I have enter'd into this Detail Sir only to beg that you will be pleas'd to remark that without the least Infringement of the Truce I could of my own private Authority, and without any Order, demand what I please from Toriore. But as I sincerely desire to contribute my utmost to the good Harmony that is to be wish'd to subsist between the two Nations and of which our Governours have so wisely set us the Example, I shall refer entirely to their Determination.

I am therefore Sir going to desire M^r. Godeheu to settle the Affair of Toriore with M^r. Saunders, to the end that all Difficulties being remov'd there may be no further Dispute. I have the Honor to be with a most perfect Consideration, Sir, Your most humble and most Obedient Servant

Syringham MAISSIN.
11^th. Janry. 1755.

If the Toriore Country was possess'd by the Enemy during the Troubles and never retaken, the Nabob has really no Pretensions to the Tribute, and by the very same Argument he has an undoubted Right to the Revenues of Madura & Tinnevely and all the other Polligarships which never have been possess'd or even attack'd by

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the Enemy during the War. But it is Agreed to defer coming to any Resolution on this Matter untill We have Answers from Major Heron & the Nabob to the Letters wrote them on the Subject of these Countries the 15th and 16th Instant.

Captains Howes and Gauppe write that they have publish'd the Orders for striking off all Batta to their Garrisons which are very quiet on the Occasion.

Hircaras from the Northward bring an Account that Monsr. Bussy march'd from Rajahmundram towards Golconda to join Salabad Jing, that Mr. Laws arriv'd at Metchlepatam the 25th. Decem with the French Party, about 30 of which deserted on the March, that he remain'd at that Place the 10th. Instant, but it was reported he would soon set out for Golconda.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Articles of an Agreement or Cartel concluded and settled between us George Pigot Esqr. President for the English East India Company on the Coasts of Choromandel and Orixa Governour of Fort St. George &ca. and Charles Robert Godeheu Esqr. Commissary for his Most Christian Majesty, Commander General of all the Settlements of the French Company on both Sides the Cape of Good Hope and at China, President of all the Councils there establish'd and Director-General of the India Company of France.

Article 1st.

All Officers, Soldiers or Sailors that shall desert from the Service of either of the two Nations English and French shall be reciprocally return' d to the Nation from whose Service they came on Condition that Pardon be granted them in so full and ample a manner that they shall not be liable to any kind of Molestation on Account of their Desertion.

Art. 2d.

As soon as any Deserters shall arrive in any Place in the Possession of either Nation French or English, Notice shall be mutually given to the Governour of the other Nation that the said Deserters may be demanded in consequence of the present Agreement.

Done at Fort St. George the twenty sixth Day of January one Thousand seven hundred and fifty five.

26TH. Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Godeheu of this Date agreeable to Yesterday's Resolution as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 11.

[Sent] the following Letter to Richard Starke Esqr.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

Since we wrote you the 16th. Mr. Godeheu having requested that the French Prisoners to be exchang'd may be deliver'd at Fort St. David instead of Trichenopoly, we have consented to his Proposal, and desire that you will give in charge to the Officer he may send to receive them, a Number equal to what Captn. Polier brings

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from Pondicherry. Besides which we have agreed that one hundred French Prisoners shall be sent to Europe on their Ships, you will therefore deliver that Number over and above the Exchange.

We have wrote to Mr. Godeheu to send a French Officer Monthly to visit the Prisoners at Fort St. David and supply them with the necessary Subsistence which We hope will put an End to our Expences on that Head. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants, GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
25th. Janry 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE MONDAY THE 27TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

The Complaint made by the Renter of the seven Maganams against the Polligar nam'd Moodiapah having been enquir'd into and found to be well grounded it is Agreed that Six Seapoys be sent according to the said Renters Request to secure the Villages from any further Incursions and to demand Satisfaction for the past Insults; The Renter consenting to pay the Charge of the Seapoys.

Several of the Officers of the Bombay Detachment having demanded Batta since their Arrival in the Garrison of Fort St. David, concerning which the Commissary desires Directions, It is thereupon agreed that the Officers Soldiers and Seapoys of that Party be put on just the same footing as our own Troops and Order'd that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Starke acquainting him that they are by no Means to be allow'd any Batta in Garrison. And there appearing no Danger of the Tranquillity being disturb'd by any Acts of Hostility It is Resolv'd that the Expence of the Bullocks at Fort St. David be retrench'd by returning those which came from Chettapet to their proper Owners and selling the rest on the Company's Account.

Captain Gauppe advises that the French Officers & Volunteers set out from Changalapet for Pondicherry the 24th. and Captain Howes writes that Morarow by his late Motions seems to have a Design on the Fort of Sadgul, which Place is in dreadfull Apprehensions of him; whereupon it is Agreed that a Letter be wrote to the Widow of Eraset Cawn who now Commands there, that if She will live in due Obedience to the Nabob and pay him the Customary Tribute We shall assist her with our Troops against any Attacks, this being conformable to the Treaty subsisting; Order'd that Directions be sent Captain Howes to act accordingly, for it is easy to conceive the bad Consequences which would attend the Moratta's Possessing a Place of so much Importance in the Province.

Order'd that Instructions be drawn out for Messrs. Maskelyne and Paccard, Commissaries on the Part of the Nabob for enquiring into the Infringements of the Suspension and that they be enter'd in a Book to be kept apart for their Proceedings.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

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[29TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1755.*——

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Godeheu to the President dated the 26th. Instant as Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 12 advising that Messrs. du Rocher de la Perigne and Tobin, Commissaries on his Side appointed for enquiring into the Infringements of the Suspension will be in the Carangoly Districts the 2d of February in order to enter on Business.

30TH. In Consequence of the above Letter The Instructions for our Commissaries being drawn out and approv'd are now sign'd and deliver'd them as Enter'd in the Book of Proceedings of the Commissaries for enquiring into the Infringements of the Suspension No. 1.

Sent the following Letter to Richard Starke Esqr. agreeable to the Resolutions of the 27th.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort St. David.

Sir

As there appears no Danger of the Tranquillity being disturb'd by any Acts of Hostility it is proper to reduce the Company's Expences as much as possible We desire therefore that the Bullocks which came from Chettapet may be return'd thither immediately, and all the rest given back to their Owners or dispos'd of; a Reasonable Satisfaction must be made for such as have died.

We find that some of the Officers of the Bombay Detachment are making Demands for Batta since their Arrival in your Garrison which is by no means to be granted them. The Officers Soldiers and Seapoys belonging to that Establishment are to be on the same footing as our own, and no Batta allow'd except when they are in the Field. Please to inform Mr. James Bourchier the Commissary of this, and acquaint him that as the Business of that Employ is now at an End he may return to his Post here as soon as he has settled his Accounts. We are Sir Your most obedient Servants. George Pigot—Stringer Lawrence—Henry Powney—Robert Orme—Alexr. Wynch—William Perceval.

Fort St George
30th. Janry 1755.

31ST. Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Godeheu to the President dated the 29th. Instant as Enter'd No. 13 inclosing one Draught of the Articles of the Cartel sign'd by him.

Friday the 31st

At a Committee

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Govr. President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alexr. Wynch
William Percival.

Mr. Godeheu in his Letter No. 13 advises that he has deliver'd 167 European Prisoners to Captn. Polier and sent Officers to Fort St. David to receive the same Number of French but that he cannot accept the Surplus 100 to be sent to Europe on their Ships on the Conditions offer'd, In Answer to which We can only acquaint him that for the Reasons mentiond in Committee of the 25th. it is impossible to deliver them to him without such Terms.

The Cartel being sign'd on both Sides Order'd that Notice thereof be immediately given to Major Heron Major Killpatrick, Captain's Howes and Gauppe with Directions to pay a strict Obedience to it and that Major Killpatrick be wrote to release the French Prisoner Pigache for whom Mr. Godeheu interests himself particularly, and has on this Account order'd his Officers to receive one Man less at Fort St. David.

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Receiv'd the following Letters from Major Heron and Major Killpatrick.

To the Hoñble Thos. Saunders Esqr. President
and Governour &c.a. Coñittee of Correspondence.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd the favour of your Letter of the 8th. of January and shall observe your Directions in regard to the Supply of Provisions for Trichinopoly, and the changing of the old Grain for New from the Buzars as Opportunities offer.

On the 14 Instant I had Complaints from some Villages in the Nabob's Possession call'd Pouameny and Trichinopoly Nelloor about 10 Miles from Woriore, and near where our advanc'd Seapoy Guards were Posted; that a Party of Mysore Horse had drove away 400 Cattle from them to a Place call'd Pudicutta formerly the Nabob's but at present in possession of the King of Mysore, these Villages are part of those We got possession of before the Suspension of Arms, and from whence We have Reason soon to expect large Supplies of Grain, as I wrote you in my Letter of the 28th. December; I imagin'd and with some foundation that they had a Design to seize these Villages or at least strip them of every thing there was, I therefore thought it prudent to march with the Army Yesterday six Miles, near enough to make Detachments to cover that part of the Country, from any Insults, and at the same Time I sent Remonstrances to Mr. Maissin against the Proceedings of the Dalloway's Troops, and that if immediate Satisfaction was not given, summoning them to assist me with a Detachment to make Reprisals on his Possessions; He wrote me for Answer, that the Dalloway should give Satisfaction to the People injur'd, and desir'd I would send him over the Particulars, which I have just now done, when I hear this Affair is finish'd shall acquaint you with it.

The Mysore Troops seem to have no Inclination to lay quiet, nothing but fear of Reprisals will constrain them to it, at this time about 2000 of their Horse are marching on the Banks of the Coleroon opposite our Camp, what their Design is I imagine We shall soon know.

As the Army is now near some of the Nabob's own Polligars, he purposes sending his Officers to demand from them the Arrears that are due to him, I shall give him all the Assistance I prudently can; from his Information there are considerable Sums of Money due, which the Polligars are very well able to pay, no Enemy since the commencement of the War having ever been in their Country, or put them under Contribution, He says could he receive those Sums, it might take off, some of the present heavy Expences the Company are at for the Payment of their Troops.

Yesterday the Moravar Polligar sent a Man to me, to let me know that he had been in Enmity with the Nabob for some past, [*sic*] but that if I would take him into my Protection, and make it up with the Nabob, He would send his Vackeel immediately, & pay the Arrears that are due, I wrote him by the Consent of the Nabob, he need not fear either us or him, provided he would pay what Tribute was due, and promise for the future to be an obedient Subject of his, and in Friendship with us, on those Conditions he would be forgiven every thing that was past.

I have the Honor to be with great Esteem
Sirs
Your most Obedient & most huñ Servant

Tichindoora
18 Jañry 1755.

Alexr. Heron.

To the Hoñble Thos. Saunders Esqr. President
and Governour &c.a. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd your Letter of the 8th. Instant and am to acquaint You that agreeable to your Desire I have publish'd the Contents to the whole Garrison. The Price of Rice now here is ten Measures and a half for a Rupee and Sheep are very

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little under three Rupees each. These are pretty high Prices for the present Times, but what I hope will soon fall. You may depend on my constantly advising You thereon and using my utmost Endeavours to make every thing as easy and agreeable as possible to the People I was not inform'd that Colonel Lawrence had intended to make any Representation to you with regard to the Nabob's Seapoys which certainly to come from him I allow to be regular, and your Resolutions thereto, has accordingly sav'd me much Trouble.

I have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect
Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trichinopoly
19th. Jañry 1755.

JAMES KILLPATRICK.

As the Mysore Troops continue to insult the Nabob's Possessions without any Regard to the Representations made it is Agreed that Orders be sent Major Heron to repulse them by Force whenever they enter upon the Nabob's Territories and to assist in obliging the several Polligars that have never been conquer'd by the Enemy to pay the Customary Tribute conformably to our Resolution the 25th Instant, and it being highly necessary to take every Opportunity of lessening the Nabob's Debt to the Company It is agreed that it be represented to him that We expect he will pay a part of whatever he collects upon that Account and that Major Heron be wrote to remind him of it and receive the Money.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

1ST. FEB. Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Godeheu of this Date as Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 14 inclosing a General Letter to the Hoñble the Court of Directors containing Duplicate Copies of the Provisional Treaty and Treaty of Truce to be forwarded by the French Ship.

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Major Killpatrick dated this Day.

To ALEXANDER HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE HOÑBLE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

Since we wrote you the 15th. We have receiv'd your Letters of the 13th. & 18th. with the inclos'd Letter from Mr. Maissin to You.

We find the Toriore Country was conquer'd by the Enemy during the Troubles and never retaken, therefore the Nabob has not a Right to send his Troops and oblige that Polligar to pay him Tribute, but with regard to all the rest who never were in possession of, or even attack'd by the Enemy, he has by Mr. Maissin's own Argument, an undoubted Right to insist on the usual Tribute, therefore if the moderate Measures We recommended in our last have not the proper Effect, let a Party of your Troops accompany the Nabob's Horse and force such as refuse to pay the customary Tribute; You must be very careful at the same time that they are not oppress'd and more Money demanded than is justly due.

The Mysore Dalloway does not seem much inclin'd to keep himself quiet, We think it therefore necessary to enforce the Orders contain'd in our Letter of the 15th. that after a warning given, you send a Party to repulse any of his Troops that shall

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attempt to ravage the Districts in the Nabob's Dependence You will leave the same Orders with Major Killpatrick if you should be coming away, however as these are Matters of very great Importance We would not have the Nabob nor the Army move untill they are settled.

You will observe and represent to the Nabob that a part of whatever he collects must be paid towards the Discharge of his Debt to the Company which you will receive during your stay, and afterwards Major Killpatrick on the Company's Account. We are, Sir, your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRR. LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
1st. Febry 1755.

Inclos'd is Copy of the Articles of a Cartel concluded for the delivering up of Deserters between the English and French, which are to be observ'd in Camp.

To MAJOR JAMES KILLPATRICK.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 19th. Mr. Godeheu having desir'd that one Pigache a Prisoner at your Place may be included in the Exchange agreed on, we desire you will immediately make Enquiry after him, and set him at Liberty.

The rest of the French exchang'd are taken at Mr. Godeheu's Desire from Fort St. David so that your Numbers will not decrease, We are, Sir, Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
1st. Febry 1755.

Inclos'd is Copy of two Articles of a Cartel concluded between the English and French which you are to observe strictly, if any Deserters should come into your Garrison or any of your Men leave you.

AT A COMMITTEE MONDAY THE 3D.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR, PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Killpatrick.

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT
& GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd the Favour of your Letter of the 16th. Instant, and have communicated the Contents to the Nabob he seems much pleas'd with your Intentions of leaving so strong a Garrison here to protect the Country, and am to acquaint you that he has already wrote to all the Polligars as well to the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries to the purport of what you desire. I have likewise in Consequence done the same and all the Care that is possible shall be taken to establish a Harmony and Friendship with the whole. The Nabob, Gentlemen informs me with regard to these latter that they have wrote him a very pressing Invitation to come down with some

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Troops in order that they may put themselves in his Interest. of this he says he has wrote you very fully (a Copy of their Letter to him I herewith enclose you,) and tells me he has reccommended it much to your Consideration as a Step that will be necessary to take and he thinks will forward his Affairs greatly about here, by its being an Inducement to the rest of the Country to come into the same Measures. The Garrison you have deputed me I can always march out with a Considerable Party from full sufficient I am convinc'd to be of the weight requir'd. If you approve of the Proposal he has made relating to Madura and Tinnevelly, I shall hope to be favour'd with your Orders and Directions for the executing of it which you may be assur'd your Advice to me in such Cases shall have a due Attention from me.

I did myself the Honour to write to You some time ago in Answer to your Letter of the 7th.; Provisions are still much at the same Prices but every thing in my Power shall be done to reduce them. With regard to the Magazines here, I observe your Directions and all Care shall be taken in a Compliance thereto.

As I shall have Occasion to address you soon again I will now only add that I am with the greatest Respect, Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Trichinopoly
26th. Janry 1755.

JAMES KILLPATRICK.

The above Letter from Major Killpatrick, [and] one from the Nabob Enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 31 are sufficient to evince that although the People of Madura and Tinnevelly have constantly acknowledged the Nabob for their Master as their Obligation enter'd No. 32 plainly proves, and still own that they hold their Authority solely from him promising faithful Obedience, yet they will not part with any Money untill they find themselves oblig'd to it, At the same time it is well known that the Tribute constantly and regularly paid by those Places before the late Disturbances was the most considerable Branch of the Revenues of Trichinopoly which the Nabob has now an indisputable Right to insist on, no attempt having been made on them during the War nor any Authority ever acknowledg'd there but the Nabob's: Agreed therefore that Major Heron be order'd to march with the Army accompanied by the Nabob's Troops to oblige them to pay the Revenues due, and give Security for the future. If they should quietly comply as they very probably may upon the first News of his march he must proceed no further, otherwise attack their Countries and suspend the Execution of our Orders of the 15th. for augmenting the Garrison of Trichinopoly and the Nabob's Removal to Arcot untill this Expedition is finish'd. And

To the End that the Money to be collected as above may be fairly accounted for, and as large a Share as possible apply'd to the Decrease of the Nabob's Debt to the Company, It is Agreed that Major Heron and Mr. Maunsell do act as Commissaries on this Occasion with the Nabob's Officer, that all Payments be made to them jointly and the Receipts signd by all three. after which such part as is absolutely necessary for the Nabob's Support must be paid to him and the rest brought to the Company's Account.

Order'd that Letters to the Nabob, Major Heron, Major Killpatrick and Mr. Maunsell be prepar'd immediately conformably to the foregoing Resolutions.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

4TH. Sent the following Letters to Major Heron, Major Killpatrick and Mr. Maunsell agreeable to yesterday's Resolutions.

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To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE HOÑBLE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

Finding by a Letter from the Nabob that nothing is to be expected from Madura and Tinnevely unless a Force is sent to oblige them to pay the Revenues due We think proper to direct that you march thither with your whole Force of Military, one Thousand Sepoys and six Field Pieces. Write to the People at those Places when you begin your march that your Intention is no more than to collect the Rents they owe which if they will quietly pay and give Security for the future you shall proceed to no Acts of Hostility, and in order that the Money so receiv'd may be justly accounted for and part paid to the Company towards the discharge of their Debt We direct that Yourself, Mr. Maunsell and the Nabob's Officer do receive the whole and that you all three sign the Receipts after which the Nabob may have what is immediately necessary for him and the rest is to be brought to the Company's Account. We have wrote accordingly to Mr. Maunsell to accompany you.

The rest of your Seapoys are to be left to guard the Villages about Trichinopoly and the Orders contain'd in our Letter of the 15th. concerning the augmenting of that Garrison of Trichinopoly and your March to Arcot are to take Place after this Expedition is finish'd. We are, Sir, Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
4th Febry 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COMMITTEE.

To MAJOR JAMES KILLPATRICK.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 26th. and at the same Time one from the Nabob by which we find that no Revenues are to be expected from Madura & Tinnevely without a Force; We have therefore order'd Colonel Heron to march thither with the Army and the Execution of our Orders concerning the augmenting of your Garrison will be suspended untill his Return.

He is to take only 1000 Seapoys leaving the rest to guard the Villages round Trichinopoly: We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
4th. Febry 1755.

To MR. THOMAS MAUNSELL.

Sir

Major Heron is order'd to march with the Army into the Madura Country to collect the Revenues due to the Nabob and that all this Money may be justly accounted for, We direct that you accompany him and that the Money be paid into the Hands of Major Heron, Yourself and the Nabob's Officer. You are all three to sign the Receipts and you will transmit Us regular Accounts of the Sums so receiv'd, and of what is paid to the Nabob who is to be allow'd only such a part as is absolutely necessary for him, all the rest is to be brought to the Company's Account towards the discharge of their Debt. We are, Sir, Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
4th. Febry 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COMMITTEE.

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[7TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1755.*——

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Godeheu to the President dated the 4th. Instant as Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 15.

TUESDAY THE 11TH.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

Mr. Godeheus Letter No. 15 advises the Receipt of ours to the Court of Directors which he shall carefully transmit to England.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Heron.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C. COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I wrote you of the 18th. Instant that I had made Remonstrances to Mr. Maissin against the Proceedings of the Dalloways Troops, who answer'd me by a Promise that I should have immediate Satisfaction, I waited some Days in hopes of it but to no Purpose, last Night the Braminy's return'd who were the Sufferers, & who I had sent to the Places the Cattle were drove to, to demand a Restitution, but they could get no redress; As I had before given all the necessary Precautions to the French Cammanding Officer and likewise demanded Assistance from him to make Reprisals, if they refus'd Satisfaction, which he did not seem inclinable to give, I thought it proper to march with the Army to Cortalam this Morning, which they abandon'd on my approach, the Subadar who commanded there afterwards came to me; and agreed to give 2 principal Braminy's as Security for payment of the Bullocks that had been taken away, which I acquiesced with and gave in Custody to the Nabob's Buxy. upon receiving this Redress I march'd three Miles to the North East of the Place and to morrow Morning early shall march again, and quit the Mysore Possessions, I took particular Care while the Troops were there, that they committed no Acts of Hostility or Irregularities of any kind whatever, I am Honble Sir & Sirs, with great Esteem Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Fort St. George
23d Janry 1755.

ALEXR. HERON.

The Committee approve of the Measures taken by Major Heron to get Satisfaction from the Mysoreans and Resolve that Directions be sent him to act in the same manner on every such Occasion.

A Letter from Mr. Foss Westcott dated the 28th. Ultimo in Answer to the Complaints made against him by Mr. Godeheu read as follows.

TO THE COMMITTEE FOR AFFAIRS OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

Gentlemen

The President and Council having acquainted me of a Complaint lodg'd against me by Mr. Godeheu for firing on some of the French Company's Peons that were in pursuit of Deserters in their own Bounds (which he terms an open Act of Hostility) as also whipping one of the aforesaid Company's Peons, and directed me to address my Answer to this Accusation to you, I shall now lay before you the true State of both Cases for which I have sundry Evidences [to produce].

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On the 13th. November in the Morning word being brought me that five Deserters from Mons. "Bussey's Camp at Rajahmundrum were on entering the Company's Bounds for Protection, and being pursued by some French Peons and Inhabitants of Yanam had taken to the Creek which parts the Districts of the two Companies, I order'd a Party down to that Place to facilitate & protect their Passage, and no sooner were they arriv'd at the aforesaid Place but some Shott (whether aim'd at the aforesaid Deserters who were then up to their Chins in the Creek, or at the Party, I cannot take upon me to affirm) were fir'd by the French Peons on the opposite side and fell near the Party, on which some of our People fir'd among the Bushes from whence the Shot came, which I perceiving and at the same Time observing a large Body of People Issue from Yanam arm'd with Matchlocks and other Weapons along the Banks of the Creek towards the Place where the French Peons were laying, not knowing what their Intent might be, I immediately order'd a Gun to be fir'd from the Fort over their Heads, to disperse them, which had the desired Effect: You will be pleas'd to observe Gentlemen from the foregoing that I sent no one out of the Company's Districts, but to the Extremity of them, nor did they fire before some shott were fir'd from the opposite Banks of the Creek, therefore I cannot imagine that what I did can be deem'd an Act of Hostility, as the French Peons or some other belonging to them fir'd first.

In regard to the other Charge preferr'd against me of whipping one of their Peons, the Case is as follows: A Peon belonging to Mr. Bury who rents the Town of Ingeram and some others from the Rajah came to Suncrapollam (a Town belonging to the Honourable Company) to fetch a Braminy from thence who he alledg'd was indebted (to some of the People of the aforesaid Towns rented by his Master) And that he had Orders from him either to bring the said Bramin to him, or the Money, which I being made acquainted with (and the Braminy assuring me he had never any Dealings with Monsr. Bury or any of his People) nor had Monsr. Bury desir'd my Permission to take any one from under the Protection of the Honourable Company, I imagin'd the same to be a Falsity, and therefore punish'd the Fellow for his Insolence in presuming to enter any Towns belonging to the Company on such an Occasion, I therefore cannot help expressing my Surprise at the Accusation, as it is well known that the Peon was not in their Company's Service, but in the aforesaid Monsr. Bury's, who at that Time I look'd upon in the Light of one of the Country Renters, and therefore took upon me to punish one of his Servants, as I should do any one belonging to the other Renters that presum'd to infringe any of the Honourable Company's Rights; By which Action I hope I shall not merit my Hoñble Employer's Displeasure. Having now replied to the Charge preferr'd against me, submitting the same to your Consideration I remain Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servant

Ingeram
28th. Janry 1755.

Foss Westcott.

If the Facts happen'd in the manner they are related by Mr. Westcott, the Steps he took were very justifiable and even unavoidable. Agreed that a Copy be transmitted to Mr. Godeheu that he may have an Opportunity of refuting Mr. Westcott's Allegations which otherwise we must deem sufficient to bear him blameless.

Letters from Capt. Maskelyne & Ensign Paccard with Sundry Papers inclos'd read as enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 2 to No. 9.

The Order No. 5 from the French Amuldar of Carangoly to his Deputy at the Village of Madarantegum dated 30 October 1754, being a plain Proof that the said Village was not in the Hands of the French at that Time and consequently that they have taken possession of it since the publication of the Suspension. Agreed that a Copy be transmitted to Mr. Godeheu and Restitution demanded in the Name of the Nabob.

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The following Letter from Richard Starke Esq^r. read.

To the Hoñble the President and Governour and the Gentlemen for conducting Country Affairs.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd your Favours of the 26^th. & 30^th. Ultimo. M^r. Godeheu having desir'd me to deduct One of the Number of their Prisoners which he should request the President to replace with another who is at Trichinopoly named Pigache, I have deliver'd to the Officer he sent 166 French Prisoners only, but am to acquaint you that as he releas'd and sent with Captain Polier all our black Prisoners I have in return deliver'd up all theirs being Forty one in Number, which I hope will meet with your Approbation having done it in Consequence of M^r. Godeheu's Request. I acquainted the Officer sent by him that I had an Order to deliver One hundred French Prisoners over and above the Exchange, He replied that he had no Directions on that Head and therefore could not receive them.

We have twenty two French Deserters in Garrison that have been subsisted some Time by the Company and do no Duty. I should be glad to know what you would please to have done with them. I am with Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant Rich^d. Starke.

Fort S^t. David
1^st Febry 1755.

The Committee approve the Release of the Black Prisoners and in order to save the Company the unprofitable Expence of maintaining the French Deserters mention'd in M^r. Starke's Letter, it is Agreed to make an Offer of them to Admiral Watson to be enter'd on board any of his Majesty's Ships.

As M^r. Godeheu has promis'd to send an Officer monthly to provide for the French Prisoners at Fort S^t. David which cannot be so conveniently done to this Place Agreed that all the Prisoners now here be transported to S^t. David by the first secure Conveyance that We may be at no further Expence on that Head.

A Letter from Capt. Armstrong Commander of the Bombay Seapoys read representing that as they left their whole Pay for the Maintenance of their Families at that Place it is impossible for them to subsist here without an Allowance of Batta.

As the Seapoys rais'd here are equally serviceable with those sent from Bombay, a compliance with Capt. Armstrong's Request would bring a useless Charge on the Company, to avoid which and at the same Time to prevent any Murmurings among his People It is resolv'd to grant them Leave to return overland to Bombay without Arms of which we are inform'd they are desirous and Agreed that a Month's Batta be given them to defray their Expences on the Road

The Account Current deliver'd by the Tripoty Vakeel having been examin'd with the Commissaries Accounts is found Right, Bills having been receiv'd agreable thereto for Pagodas Twenty one Thousand (21000) and Arcot Rupees Fifty two Thousand (52000) on Account of the Septem^r. Kist; and the Ballance remaining due after deducting the Charges of Batta to the Seapoys is Pagodas one Thousand four hundred and thirty one, thirteen Fanams and seventy Cash (1431 : 13 : 70).

Hircara's from Metchlepatam bring Advice that M^r. Laws set out from that Place for Golcondah the 17^th. Ultimo accompanied with fifty Seapoys, ten Troopers and twenty Moors Horse.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
A^r. Wynch.
Will^m. Percival.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1755.*—— [12TH.]

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Godeheu of this Date agreeable to Yesterday's Resolution as enter'd in the French Correspondence N°. 16.

Sent the following Letters to Mr. Starke and Major Heron.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 1st. Instant. as Mr. Godeheu does not consent to the Terms on which We offer'd him the 100 Prisoners over and above the Exchange they must remain in Confinement. He has promis'd to send an Officer Monthly to provide for them so that you will stop all Expences on that Head.

Please to acquaint Capts. Armstrong and Ogilvy and Lieut. Bishop that they have Leave to come to Madrass and notifie to Lieut. Davis that he is exchang'd.

A Representation has been made to us on the part of the Bombay Seapoys for some Allowance to be given them which We are not inclin'd to consent to, and to prevent any future Application of this Sort, and the uneasiness that may attend a Refusal, We think it will be best for them to return to Bombay overland of which We are told they are desirous You will therefore acquaint them with our Resolution, receive their Arms, and let them set out as soon as they please, giving them a Month's Batta for their travelling Expences.

We approve of your releasing all the Black Prisoners and shall Endeavour to dispose of the French Deserters on board of his Majesty's or the Company's Ships. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
12th. Febry 1755. GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COMMITTEE.

P.S. We have receiv'd the Account Cost of Forty one Bullocks bought by Mr. Hopkins which We suppose are sent to St. David; as We imagine the Owners would rather Chuse to have their Cattle again than the Money for them, you will please to return them to him with Orders to deliver them accordingly.

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE
HOÑBLE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 23d. and entirely approve of the Method you took to get Satisfaction from the Mysoreans. Pursue the same Measures on every such Occasion for We perceive it has a much better Effect than Representations.

We hope our last Orders will be equally serviceable to the Nabobs Affairs in Madura and Tinnevelly; We foresee that this will be a long and expensive Expedition, and shall be glad if the People at those Places render it unnecessary by sending the Money or giving sufficient Security on the first News of your March. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
the 12th. Febr. 1755.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Godeheu to the President dated the 11th Instant with a Paper of Proposals concerning the contested Districts enter'd N°. 17. 14TH.

Arriv'd Mr. Tobin with a Letter from Mr. Godeheu to the President dated the 12th. Instant enter'd N°. 18. 15TH.

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MONDAY THE 17TH.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

Mr. Godeheu's Letters No. 17 & 18 Read. His Proposals concerning the contested Districts appearing to be calculated for the general Benefit more especially the Article for preventing the Loss of the Grain on the Ground. It is agreed to accept and sign them and Order'd that a Copy be sent to Messrs. Maskelyne and Paccard for their Guidance and that they be enter'd in the Book of Proceedings of the Commissaries under No. 16.

The Circumstances mention'd in Mr. Godeheu's Letter No. 17. regarding Mr. Paccard (that he deserted twice from the French Service) are entirely new to us. He came up a Volunteer from Bengal, behav'd very well, was made an Officer and on Account of his perfect Knowledge of the Moors and French Languages was appointed to this Commission, However as We cannot immediately confute what Mr. Godeheu has advanc'd & he has positively order'd his Commissaries not to sit in Conference with him it is Agreed that Mr. Paccard have Leave to return to Bengal agreeable to his Request and that Lieut. Achilles Preston do act as Commissary in his Room.

Order'd that a Letter agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions be wrote to the Secret Committee for Affairs of the French Company, Mr. Godeheu having desir'd us to address those Gentlemen as he shall not be at Pondicherry to receive our Answer.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Heron with Copy of one from Mr. De Saussai Commander of the French Troops at Syringham to him and his Answer.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I advis'd you the 23d. January with the Measures I had taken, to get Restitutions from the Mysoreans, the two Bramins who were sent from Cortalam as Security for payment of the Cattle, have adjusted their Affairs to the Nabob's Satisfaction, and have leave to return to their own Villages.

I am since honour'd with your Orders of the 15th. Ulto. and shall contribute jointly with the Nabob every thing in my Power to establish thoroughly his Trichinopoly Affairs, before his Departure for Arcot, I wrote you in my Letter of the 18th. January that the Army lay contiguous to some of the Nabob's Polligars, and that I should give his Officers all the Assistance I prudently could to collect his Revenues, since that I have advanc'd with the Army as far as Manapar a Village of the Nabobs about 30 Miles from Trichinopoly and on receiving your last Letter thought it necessary to desire the Nabob to come out to the Camp, and settle his Affairs in Person with the Polligars, and grant them such Renewals of their Phirmaunds, as might for the future prevent any Disputes of his Right to those Countries; since he came here 4 of the Vackeels are come in to settle their Accounts and promise as soon as that is done they will pay the Ballances that are due, they have sign'd a Paper acknowledging themselves under the Nabob and independant of any other Power whatever & that they enjoy their Lands in Right of his Phirmaunds only, another Copy of this is sent to the Polligars themselves, to be sign'd by them, which I expect will be return'd in 2 or 3 Days; what We have done hitherto is entirely by fair Means, and I am in great Hopes that We shall bring them all to the Nabob's Terms by the same Method, but the black People are so tedious, and dilatory

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in transacting Business, that I can't flatter Myself I shall be able to accomplish it in less than 10 Days; If I am not honour'd in the mean with any Commands from you I shall return back to Trichinopoly and prepare for the Nabob's March to Arcot.

I shall observe your Directions with regard to the Garrison; Capt. Zeigler before the Receipt of your Letter had set out for the Coast; his bad State of Health rendering it absolutely necessary.

The Nabob informs me that he has receiv'd Letters from the three principal Men in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries acknowledging themselves under his Protection and Authority Copies of which he says he transmitted You, about 15 Days ago.

I have yet receiv'd no proper Powers, for holding General Courts Martial, & We have two Men who have been sometime ago confin'd on Suspicion of Desertion.

Since writing the above, I have receiv'd a Letter from the Commanding Officer of the French Troops, in Syringham with Remonstrances against the Nabob's collecting his Tribute here, I have enclos'd you a Copy of that Paragraph, with my Answer. I am Honble Sir & Sirs with great Esteem, your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Manapar the
1st. Febry 1755. ALEXR. HERON.

Copy of a Paragraph receiv'd by Colonel Heron from the Chevalier du Saussai commanding the French Troops in Syringham January the 29th. 1755.

Mahomed Ally jointly with your Troops has been to demand Money from the Polligar of Manapa[ree,] you are [not] ignorant that those Villages belong to the Rajah and they should pay only to their Master. I beg the favour you will prevent these Incursions and have the Patience to inform Yourself of all Affairs which certainly you must be ignorant of, and have been done without your Concurrence.

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Heron to the Chevalier du Saussai commanding the French Troops in Syringham 1st. February 1755.

Sir

I receiv'd this Day the Letter you did me the Honour to write the 29th. Ulto. I am much surpris'd you should make any Exception against the Nabob's receiving the Arrears due to him, from Polligars under his own Protection, and who never acknowledg'd any other Superiour. You must certainly Sir not have been properly inform'd, in saying that those Countries belong to Nandi Rajah, The Polligars confess they never had the least Connection with him, much less did they ever look on him as their Sovereign, but that they enjoy their present Possessions in Consequence of the Phirmaunds they receiv'd from the Nabob. Had the Objections you make been valid, undoubtedly Mr. Maissin would have advanc'd the same when a considerable Force was sent to this same Place, and for the same purpose during the first Suspension of Arms, which he was well appris'd of.

The Committee approve entirely of Major Heron's Answer to the French Commanding Officer, and Orders have already been sent him to act always in the same manner.

As he has two Men under Confinement on Suspicion of Desertion it is undoubtedly necessary that he should be furnish'd with a regular Power for appointing General Courts Martial, the President will therefore desire Colonel Adlercron to transmit us a proper Commission for him.

A Letter from Mr. Maunsell the Commissary read, inclosing a Return of the Magazine at Trichinopoly, by which We find that the Store of Provisions in that Place the 31st. January was sufficient for 3000 Men 275 Days and acquainting us the

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Reason of the small Increase from the Month of December was the Excessive dearness of Grain occasion'd by the Army's being at some Distance from the Town.

Mr. Starke writes that he has return'd the Changalapet Bullocks and those that were purchas'd in the Bounds that thirty three which were bought of the Country People have been twice expos'd to Sale and no price offer'd: Order'd that they be turnd out to feed in the Company's Bounds to save all Expence and that they be dispos'd of the very first Opportunity.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Governour of Negapatam has in a private Letter to him propos'd to enter into a Cartel with us for the mutual Return of Deserters in the same manner as We have agreed with the French. As We have found by Experience that little Dependance can be placed on any foreign Soldiers that desert into our Service, we cannot but look upon such a Cartel to be for the Company's Advantage, the President is therefore desir'd to acquaint the Governour of Negapatam that We are ready to enter into Articles with him.

Letter from SanawasaChery Renter and Kisnazee Punt Tasealdar of Tripoty read inclosing two Bills of Exchange.

One for Pagodas (1369–13–70) one Thousand three hundred & sixty nine, thirteen Fanams & seventy Cash: which they write is in full for the September Kist but the Account Curr^{t}. being referr'd to as well as the Minute of last Committee the Ball^{ce}. appears to be Pagodas (1431—13—70) one Thousand four Hundred & thirty one, thirteen Fanams and Seventy Cash: whereupon the Renters Vackeel being question'd says it must be a Mistake and now delivers another Bill for Pagodas (34) thirty four; which with Pagoda's (28) twenty eight the Premium of 2 ℔ C^{t}. allow'd for the Bills adjusts the Account.

One for Pagoda's (4000) four Thousand in part of the Second or December Kist.

Which three Bills are deliver'd to the Commissary that he may demand Payment.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.

Sent a Letter from the President to the Secret Committee for Affairs of the French Company dated this Day as enterd N^{o}. 19.

21. Receiv'd a Letter from Mess^{rs}. Barthelemy Guillard and Boyelleau to the President acquainting him that they are appointed a Secret Committee for treating of every Thing regarding the Grants of the two Companies and their Allies. Enter'd in the French Correspondence N^{o}. 20.

24. Mr. DeSisy, a French Officer, arriv'd from Pondicherry with a Letter from Mr. Barthelemy to the President dated the 20th. acquainting him that he has sent this Gentleman to take a List of the French Prisoners and settle a Method of supplying them with Provisions, enter'd N^{o}. 21.

MONDAY THE 24TH. AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOV^{R}. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEX^{R}. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

Two Letters from Mess^{rs}. Maskelyne and Paccard at Madarantegum Read as enter'd in the Book of Proceedings of the Commissaries N^{o}. 17 & 18, representing

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that the Juncan has ceas'd on both Sides in the contested Districts, which is a certain Loss to whomsoever shall prove to be the rightfull Owner, proposing therefore that they be set up again, and the Money collected by Persons appointed by both Parties to be paid to the Legal Proprietor when the Disputes are settled and desiring that the Proportion of Grain due to the Inhabitants may be fix'd.

It being stipulated by one of the Articles of the Truce that the Custom Houses and Juncans shall remain on the same footing as before the War We can have no Objection to the Establishment of all the old ones in the contested Districts, The Money to be collected in the manner propos'd by the Commissaries, and with regar'd to the Proportion of Grain due to the Inhabitants we can think of no Standard so just as the old Custom in Anaverde Cawn's Time which the Commissaries acquaint us they can find out by the Accounts at Madarantegum. Order'd that a Letter be wrote accordingly to Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston.

Captain Howes advises that he has forwarded the Letter to the Widow of Eraset Cawn at Sadgul, but as yet has receiv'd no Answer; and that Abdul Vahab Cawn has applied to him for a Party of Europeans to assist in collecting the Tribute from the Polligars. A Letter from Abdul Vahab Cawn also read as Enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 40. requesting a Body of Europeans may be sent him to assist in collecting the Tribute but declaring at the same Time very plainly that We are not to expect any part of the Money towards the Discharge of the Company's Debt because the Arrears due to the Troops and the Demands from Court must be first satisfied. As this is the Case We can see no Reason for putting the Company to the fruitless Expence of assisting him with Troops, and it is Resolv'd to wait till the Nabob comes himself to Arcot, who We doubt not will think it necessary to pay as largely as possible to the Company, and We can then Assist in collecting the Money from the Polligars.

Capt. Gauppe writes that 152 of the Bullocks he sent to St. David are arriv'd back, and that he believes the Owners will very readily return the Money and take the Cattle.

A Letter from Nizar Mahomed Cawn Killedar of Chettapet advising that he has sent People to St. David to fetch back the Bullocks and that the Owners will be extremely glad to receive them again.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A. WYNCH.
WILL^M: PEROEVAL.

Receiv'd a Letter from the Secret Committee for Affairs of the French Company to the President dated the 22d. Instant as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 22 with the Articles concerning the Contested Districts sign'd by them. [25TH.]

AT A COMMITTEE THURSDAY THE 27TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

The Secret Committee for Affairs of the French Company make fresh Complaints in their Letter No. 22 of the Incursions of Meer Abdul Raheeman concerning whom we wrote to the Nabob the 23d. January, and receiv'd an Answer yesterday with a Letter inclos'd to order the said Meer Abdul to keep himself quiet from which We

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conclude the Nabob regards him as a Person in his Dependence, Agreed therefore that a Copy of this Order be sent to the French Committee and that Mr. Starke be directed to concert Measures with them for seizing Meer Abdul Raheeman in case any further Incursions should be committed by him, And Application be made to the Gentlemen at Pondicherry for Assistance. Order'd that Letters to the French Committee and Mr. Starke be immediately wrote in Consequence of the foregoing Resolutions.

The President acquaints the Committee that Admiral Watson has order'd his Majesty's Ship Bridgewater to proceed to Fort St. David, that she will carry thirty nine of the French Prisoners, (the rest appearing on an Examination to be distemper'd) bring up any Men we may have occasion for from thence and Ship the French Deserters mention'd in the Committee of the 11th. if they are willing to enter into his Majesty's Service.

Order'd that the Prisoners be immediately sent on board and that Mr. Starke be directed to make Captain Martin an Offer of the Deserters and to send us up one hundred and fifty Military as We have not enough for our Garrison Service and there is a large Number at Fort St. David.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

[28th.] Sent a Letter from the President to the Secret Committee for Affairs of the French Company dated this Day agreeable to Yesterday's Resolution. Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 23.

Saild his Majesty's Ship Bridgewater Capt. William Martin for Fort St. David by whom Sent the following Letter to Richard Starke Esqr.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

We are well pleas'd to observe the Gentlemen at Pondicherry have sent an Officer to pay the Nabob's Prisoners, and as your Place is the most conveniently situated and the Number greatly lessen'd by the late Exchange of Prisoners, We take the Opportunity of his Majesty's Ship Bridgewater proceeding to St. Davids to send you thirty nine that came lately from Changalapet and the rest shall follow by the first safe Opportunity. We recommend to you to make their Confinement as easy as possible & to see they are used with great Humanity. Let an Officer visit their Prisons daily that they may be kept clean.

The Commander of the Bridgewater will acquaint you when he has taken in the King's Stores what Number of Military he can conveniently accomodate, We wou'd therefore have you Order 150 or 160 Men to be in readiness to embark as we believe it may be about that Number and we want such a Reinforcement here; Captain Pascal with two Subaltern Officers now proceed to your Place and are to return with the Detachment.

Captain Martin will also take the French Deserters if they are willing to enter into his Majesty's Service.

We have had repeated Complaints from the Gentlemen at Pondicherry of the Incursions and Depredations of Meer Alumedeen Cawn Killedar of Ellavanassoor a small Fort near Verdachilum. The Nabob and the President have wrote to him in

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the strongest Terms to desist, therefore if he should commit any more Disturbances you will concert Measures with M^{r}· Barthelemy & order a Party either from Fort S^{t}· David or DeveCotah to join the French and endeavour to take him Prisoner. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Fort S^{t}· George
28th· Febry 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT &C^{A} COMMITTEE.

AT A COMMITTEE — TUESDAY THE 4 MARCH

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}· GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEX^{R}· WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

Two Letters from Mess^{rs}· Maskelyne and Preston with several Papers inclos'd read as enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries N^{o}· 20 to N^{o}· 31.

Agreed that a Representation be made to the Gentlemen at Pondicherry of the compulsory Methods mention'd in the above Letters to be us'd by the French Amuldars to prevent the Inhabitants from giving their Evidence concerning the Contested Districts and as the Coneycoplies appointed by our Commissaries to take an Account of the Grain to be cut in the several Sumets are Persons much better acquainted with the Country than any We could send from hence it is Agreed to confirm them as our Substitutes and to give Authority to Mess^{rs}· Maskelyne and Preston to displace any that may misbehave and appoint others in their Room.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Killpatrick

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}· PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}· COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}· GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd your Letters of the 1st and 4th Instant, the former enclosing a Copy of the Cartel agreed upon between the English and French in regard to Deserters which shall be strictly observ'd in my Command. The French Commandant at Syringham apply'd to me before the Receipt of your Letter from M^{r}· Godeheu for the Release of the Prisoner you have mention'd nam'd Pigache, who I have accordingly set at Liberty. As the Commissary proceeds with the Army, I am to request your Directions as to being supplied here with Money. He has always procurd it from Tanjore. If you approve of the same Method for me to act up to, please to give the necessary Directions to M^{r}· Starke for the answering of my Bills. I am supplied with sufficient for this Month, so shall the next draw upon him and hope before I am in want again to receive the Favour of your Answer. Colonel Heron has left three Companies of Seapoys at Trichindora where the Neloor was posted by Colonel Lawrence about Six Miles off, which I have reinforc'd with 42 Europeans, one Company of Seapoys and an Officer for a greater Security to the Country People as our Dependance for Provisions is in a great Measure on protecting them, I have for that Reason also other Parties in different Parts of the Country much about the same Distance. I should be glad you would acquaint me whether I am to pay them Batta or not which I think your Directions are not clear enough for me to determine upon. Colonel Heron has requested of me an eighteen and 12 Pounder with the proper Stores and 150 Rounds for each which I shall send him tomorrow Morning. M^{r}· Call has address'd me about the Bricklayers and stone Cutters that were sent from S^{t}· David telling me they are much wanted in that Garrison. As I have now almost got the best part of the Repairs of this Fort done, I propose returning them at the end of the Month. Provisions are

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very little cheaper since my last Information. I have endeavour'd to find out the Cause, but can get no other certain Account than this. That the Amuldars in the Tanjore Country are laying up the Grain in Store by them in Order that the same Prices now may be continued. I have wrote accordingly to the King of Tanjore and Mr. Newton on the Subject and should be glad you would also do the same. enclos'd is a Copy of a Letter which I receiv'd last Night from Madura. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs, Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trichinopoly
16th. Febry 1755. JAMES KILLPATRICK.

The Committee approve of Major Killpatrick's drawing on Mr. Starke for what Money he may have occasion for and it is Agreed to give Directions to Mr. Starke to Answer his Bills.

Letter from Richard Starke Esqr. read inclosing one to him from Capt. Armstrong Commander of the Bombay Seapoys representing that they are ready to set out for that place overland but as it is a Journey of more than a Month they beg for a further Allowance of Batta.

As many of the Seapoys belong to Tellicherry and the rest may easily be furnish'd from thence with a Conveyance to Bombay; it will be much the best Method for them to proceed directly to that Place for which a Month's Batta will fully suffice. Order'd that a Letter be wrote Mr. Starke to direct him to acquaint Captain Armstrong of this Resolution.

Captain Howes writes from Arcot that the Nabob has appointed the young Son of Eraset Cawn to the Killedarship of Sadgul on which Account there have been great Rejoicings in the Place: that Mararow is come to Buddicotah about forty Miles from Sadgul, with which Place he will not make Peace on any Terms but receiving a large Sum of Money and keeping the Forts of Pollimaneer and Coripanatam where he has left Garrisons.

The President is hereupon desir'd to write a Letter to Morarow to warn him that if he does not put a stop to his Incursions, both the English and French will Join to attack him agreeable to the Engagement they have enter'd into.

Order'd that a Letter to the Honourable the Court of Directors be prepar'd to be sent on the Ship Winchelsea.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Sent the following Letter to Richard Starke Esqr. agreeable to this Day's Resolution, also one to Messrs. Maskelyne & Preston of this Date as enter'd in the Book of Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 32.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 27th. February with the inclos'd from Capt Armstrong on the Subject of the Bombay Seapoys. Let them proceed directly to Tellicherry for which a Month's Batta will more than suffice, and such as have a mind to go from thence to Bombay will be easily furnish'd with Conveyances. When they set out you will give them a Letter for the Chief of Tellicherry to acquaint him with their Number, that they return with Leave and have a Months' Batta advanc'd them.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*—— [4TH.]

If Major Killpatrick should draw on you for any Money for the Service of Trichinopoly, let his Bills be punctually answer'd and place the Amount to the Acco^{t}. of Nabob Anaverde Cawn.

There is one M^{r}. Warke at your Place who has acted sometime as Surgeon, please to give him Orders to proceed to Camp. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort S^{t}. George
4th. March 1755.

Sent a Letter from the President to the Secret Committee at Pondicherry of this Date as enter'd in the French Correspondonce N^{o}. 24. also the following Letter to Major Killpatrick. [5TH.]

TO MAJOR KILLPATRICK.

Sir

In complyance with your Request in your Letter of the 16th. February We have given Orders to M^{r}. Starke to Answer any Draughts you may make on him, We hope however that your Expences will now be very inconsiderable as the Charge of Batta is taken off and the Repairs almost finish'd. If Provisions are as cheap at Trichindora as in the Town, The Detachment posted there should not receive any Batta; If they are dearer you must make them an Allowance accordingly, half Batta or a little more or less in proportion to the Price of Provisions.

Supply Colonel Heron immediately with whatever Stores he may write for.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 3^{d}. with the Garrison Accounts inclos'd and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort S^{t}. George
5th. March 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE SATURDAY THE 8TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESID^{T}.
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEX^{R}. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

General Letter to the Honourable the Court of Directors to go by the Ship Winchelsea is now read and sign'd and order'd to be inclos'd in a seperate Packet.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.

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[8TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*——

Received a Letter from the French Committee to the President dated the 2d. Instant as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 25.

9TH. Receiv'd another Letter from the French Committee to the President dated the 4th. Instant as enter'd No. 26.

SUNDAY THE 9TH. AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

Two Letters No. 25 & 26 from the French Committee to the President Read, the first enclosing several Papers therein referr'd to from which they conclude that our Commissaries have occasion'd great Delays and considerable Loss in the Harvest. All these Papers or the Substance have already been transmitted to us by our Commissaries and are enter'd in their Proceedings. They prove only that the French Gentlemen obstinately insist on having the Sole Right of ordering the Grain to be cut, and the Distribution to be made to the Inhabitants, that the other Revenues shall be collected only by them, and that the whole Produce of the contested Districts in their Possession shall be lodg'd in the Hands of their People to be made good by them when the Right is decided. Our Gentlemen in consequence of our Orders and agreeable to the Sense of the 3d. Article of the Treaty Relating to the Commissaries demand that the Grain shall remain in the joint Charge of both Parties, that neither shall have a Power to dispose of it without the Consent of the other, and that the Produce of such Sale and of all the other Revenues shall be receiv'd jointly by both Parties for the Benefit of him who shall prove to have the Right.

The President wrote to the French Committee on this Subject the 4th. Instant and as it is certain that the Sole disposal of the Grain would influence all the Inhabitants in their Favour, and render it impossible for us to collect our Evidence: The Committee do unanimously Resolve to insist on the Equality beforemention'd which is at the same Time conformable to the Sense of the Treaty. If they will not consent to have the Grain cut on that Footing they will themselves be answerable for all the Damages occasion'd by the Delay.

No. 26 dated the 4th. Instant advises that they have sent a Detachment into the Field to retake the Village of Ounaguyneloor and its Dependencies which they say Meer Saib took from them a few Days past.

A Letter from Mr. Starke of the Same Date acquaints us that 200 Soldiers, 300 Sepoys, & 100 Horse march'd from Pondicherry that Morning with 2 field Pieces and 100 Oxen loaded with Ammunition and Provisions and that it was Reported their Design was to take the Fort of Ellavanasoor which belongs to the Nabob and of which Meer Saib is Killedar.

The Committee having consider'd the foregoing Circumstances are of Opinion that so large a Detachment cannot be intended only to retake the Village of Ounguyneloor from Meer Saib whose whole Force is but a Trifle. Supposing however that their Destination is no other it is still a Breach of the 12th. Article of the Truce which says that upon Complaint of any Village taken the Commissaries shall examine the Fact and cause Restitution to be made. The French Committee were appriz'd before they took this Step of the Orders that had been sent Mr. Starke to join an equal Number of our Troops to theirs in case they should find it necessary to send a Detachment to stop the Incursions of Meer Saib and their neglecting to make such Application to Mr. Starke has no very pacifick Appearance.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*—— [9TH.]

Order'd therefore that these Circumstances be represented in the strongest Terms to the Gentlemen of the Committee for Affairs of the French Company and that they be summon'd to recall their Troops immediately into Garrison.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.

Sent a Letter from the President to the French Committee of this Date agreeable to this Morning's Resolution as Enter'd in the French Correspondence N°. 27.

Receiv'd a Letter from the French Committee to the President dated the 9th. Instant as Enter'd N°. 28. 13

AT A COMMITTEE THURSDAY THE 13TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOV^R. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEX^R. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

The French Committee in their Letter N°. 28 now read acknowledge that the Treaty relating to the Commissaries does not Stipulate that the Grain shall be sold; but to prevent Damage they now propose that it shall be dispos'd of by the Consent of both Parties, and that the Produce of all which shall be cut in the Contested Districts at present in their Possession, shall be deposited in the Cash of their Company; and Reciprocally that the Produce of all which shall be cut in the Contested Districts at present in the Nabobs Possession shall be deposited in the Cash of our Company, mutually to be accounted for according as the Right shall be decided.

This Proposal has a great Appearance of Equity, but when it is consider'd that the Number of Villages in the present possession of the French claim'd by the Nabob is above 500, and of those in the possession of the Nabob claim'd by the French but 12, the Advantage will be found to be entirely on their Side. They would have in their Hands the Revenue of 500 Villages, We of only 12, and it would be always in their Power to evade or defer the Repayment should the Nabob's Right be prov'd never so clearly; Indeed the French Commissaries raise so many useless Obstructions, calculated only to waste Time, that We are inclin'd to think they have no Design of bringing their Operations to an Issue.

As this is the Case it is necessary to secure as much as We can, and Resolv'd to write to the French Committee that our Commissaries shall proceed on no other footing but that of an Equality in every Thing; that in case it is found necessary to sell the Grain, the Produce shall be Receiv'd by both Parties equally, or by a third Person approvd by both, and so of all the Rest of the Revenues of the whole contested Districts.

Ensign Paccard now delivers in a Letter in Answer to the Aspersions thrown on him by M^r. Godeheu in his Letter N°. 17.

Agreed that a Copy of it be sent to the French Committee and that they be desir'd to call on the Person who gave M^r. Godeheu his Information to prove his Assertions and if he cannot, to oblige him to make full and publick Satisfaction for the Injury he has done to the Character of an Officer in our Service.

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[13TH.] —*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*——

Receiv'd the following Letters from Major Heron and Major Killpatrick.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^R. President and Governour &c^A. Committee of Correspondence.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I acquainted you the 1^st. Instant with the Steps I had taken to bring the Polligars near Manapar to the Nabob's Obedience, and oblige them to pay the Tribute usually receiv'd; one of the 4 I mention'd, after signing an Acknowledgment to the Nabob, settling his Accounts, and paying him a Sum of Money, in part of the Tribute due, and giving him a Bill for the Remainder, refus'd to pay it or even send his Vakeel near me to make any Excuse as this one was by much the most powerfull, I thought it highly necessary for the Nabob's Interest that he should be reduc'd, the Nabob press'd me also in the strongest Terms that I should march against him: on the 10^th. I mov'd with the Army close to a Fort which was one of the Barriers of his Country. All that Day and the next I endeavour'd both with fair Means and threats to make him comply, but could get no Satisfactory Answer; while I continued in this critical Situation I was favour'd with yours of the 1^st. which as it gave me fuller power to use Force if Moderate Measures would not do, I determin'd to attack the Fort the next morning, in which I succeeded with little Loss, and the same Day attack'd & took possession of the principal Fort and Village he had, in these two affairs We had kill'd 14 Sepoys and some few Coleries, 15 Sepoys and 4 Europeans wounded, most of these I hope will do very well, We are now in Possession of all his Country except the Tops of the Hills where the Inhabitants have taken shelter, and carried their Effects. This Poligar call'd Lackynike as the Nabob informs me, is only an Usurper, and took this Country from its proper owner about 14 Years ago, The Nabob thinks it would be much for his Interest, if restor'd again to the former Man, who he has sent for and expects very soon, the other Polligars will support him in keeping possession of it, and also advance the Revenues due to the Nabob. The Principal Business I have yet been able to do here, is bringing the different Chiefs to sign Acknowledgments to the Nabob, & Receive new Phirmaunds from him the whole Sums he has yet receiv'd in Money and Cattle does not exceed 15000 Rupees, which I believe his private Necessities, [and his] Horse will have full occasion for.

I am since Honour'd with your Orders of the 4^th. Ins[tant] and shall with all possible Expedition prepare to march for [the] Madura Country, where you may be assur'd I will use my [ut]most Endeavours to Settle the Nabob's Affairs in the best man[ner] I can, I shall take particular Care that all the Money receiv'd, be apply'd in the manner you direct, The Nabob has appoin[ted] Mauphoos Cawn his Officer to go with me and will wait him[self] in the Garrison till I return; I am now advanc'd above 3 Da[ys] March on the Madura Road so I shall not return to Trichenopoly, but have sent in for the proper Stores, and at the same Time desir'd the Major would send me out an 18 and 12 pounder, with proper Ammunition, that in case I should meet with any Opposition I might be able to reduce them to Terms, as they have already acknowledg'd the Nabob.

I have left three Company's of Sepoys to guard those Villages where the Mysore Horse committed those Depredations, which I imagine are fully sufficient to frustrate any Attempts they may make for the future, I have desir'd Major Killpatrick to take the Command of them and give such Directions as he thinks proper.

The Nabob is now with us, but purposes returning to the Fort, in 2 or 3 Days.

M^r. Raillaud a Volunteer in the Artillery was particularly usefull to me, in the attack of those Forts, I had only one Officer of Artillery with me, and I was oblig'd to make a Detachment of some Guns, I sent him with them, and gave him in Orders

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*—— [13TH.]

to act as Lieut^t. till your Pleasure was known, he behav'd extreamly well on this Occasion, and am inform'd he is a good Engineer and Draughtsman. I have the Honour to be &c^a.

[Comma]ravaddie ALEX^R. HERON.
[14th. Febry] 1755.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COMMITTEE AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I wrote to you the 14th. Instant that I should be oblig'd to wait here a few Days, on Account of sending for the necessary Stores to Trichenopoly, I have now receiv'd them and shall begin my march for Madura to morrow, I am inform'd I shall be able to reach that Place in 7 or 8 Days.

As I had no proper Powers for holding general Courts martial, I order'd the Deserters to be tried by a Regimental one which I thought better than to march them Prisoners on this Expedition.

Capt. Beaver Lieut^t. Monchanin, and Ensign Vouga join'd the Camp the 20th. with 45 Swiss of Capt^n. Poliers Company, the remainder of the Detachment were left sick in the Fort.

Since writing The above I am honour'd with your Letter of the 12th. Instant, I have taken the necessary precautions in Writing to the Madura and Tinnevelly People, that provided they paid the Revenues due to the Nabob, and gave Security for the future, I should not proceed to any Acts of Violence, I am in daily expectation of their Answer, with which I shall acquaint you.

I have receiv'd a Letter from the Moravar Polligar and his Vakeel is to be with me tomorrow the Measures I have lately taken to reduce Lackynike, I flatter myself will have a good Effect on the others, they all now seem desirous of being on good Terms with the Nabob, and I hope soon to be able to give you a favourable Account of his Affairs in these parts of the Country.

I am Hoñble Sir & Sirs with great Esteem Your most Obed[ient] and most Humble Servant ALEX^R. HERON.

Shaklampet
22d. Febry 1755.

P.S. M^r. Black who is Quarter Master to the Bombay Detachment has receiv'd Letters from S^t. David that Capt^n. Forbes had or intended applying to you to give his Commission as Quarter Master to Lieut^t. Burnett, M^r. Black has been and still is of particular use to me, he staid by my Desire, with which I acquainted you some time ago, so hope his preferment or Interest may not be affected by it.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Herewith are enclos'd the Garrison Accounts for last Month with an Account of Ordnance and Stores sent to Camp at the request of Colonel Heron.

I did myself the Honour to address you a few Days ago.

As nothing has occurr'd since, I have only to add for the present that I am with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs, Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

Trichenopoly JAMES KILLPATRICK.
3d. March 1755.

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[12th.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*——

Three Letters from Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston dated 7th. 9th. & 11th. read with several Papers inclos'd as enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries from No. 33 to No. 46.

We are sorry to observe that their Operations stand still, to the great Prejudice of the Harvest, on Account of the Superiour Power claim'd by the French Commissaries in ordering the Grain to be cut and receiving the Revenues

As We are writing to the French Committee that our Commissaries shall not proceed upon any other footing but that of an Equality, it is Agreed that Directions be sent to Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston to persist in their Demand, and to employ themselves untill we receive an answer from Pondichery in procuring as compleat a List as they can of all the Villages in the Arcot Country with the Revenues they us'd to produce.

Letter from Capt. Gauppe read inclosing a Plan of the Fort of Changalapet with the Repairs he is making. Order'd that he proceed in the Repairs necessary for its defence in the most frugal manner possible.

Captn. Howes and Abdul Vahab Cawn write that Morarow has approach'd nearer to the Fort of Sadgul, and that some of his Horse had a little Skirmish with the People of the Pettah (Town) but retir'd on some Shott being fir'd from the Fort.

As Capt. Howes has already been directed to assist that Place as far as he prudently can in case it should be attack'd, and the President has made the proper Representations to Morarow on the Subject of the Incursions committed by his Troops, We see no further Precautions that can be taken, for to detach a Party of our Troops against the Moratta Horse would be a useless Expence, as it is always in their Power to keep out of reach.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

[14] Sent a Letter from the President to the French Committee of this Date agreeable to yesterdays Resolution as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 29. also a Letter to Messrs. Maskelyne & Preston enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 47.

15. Receiv'd a Letter from the French Committee to the President dated the 12th. Instant as enter'd No. 30.

16. Receiv'd a Letter from the French Committee to the President dated the 13th. Instant Enter'd No. 31.

AT A COMMITTEE

MONDAY THE 17TH. *Present*

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

No. 30 & No. 31 Two Letters from the French Committee read, the first dated the 12th. Instant in Answer to the Presidents of the 9th. on the Subject of the Troops sent against Meer Saib which they say they cannot wholly recall as it would be exposing themselves in the present Juncture to considerable Losses, but they are willing to recall the half of their Europeans, which We may replace by the same Number of ours.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*—— [17th.]

The President having receiv'd a Letter from Meer Saib in Answer to what he wrote him on the Subject of the Complaints of the French, the same is now read as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N°. 53. representing that he lives in Obedience to the Nabob's Orders, that he has always observ'd the Truce and shall take care not to infringe it.

Agreed that the Substance of this Letter be wrote to the French Committee and that they be desir'd to recall half their Troops according to their Proposal, and acquaint us with the Number, that We may send as many of ours, which are order'd in the mean time to be held in readiness to march from this Place, as We have lately receiv'd a Reinforcement from Fort St. David by his Majesty's Ship Bridgewater of one hundred and seventy Military, and twenty Train.

The Letter N°. 31 from the French Committee represents the Damage occasion'd by the Delay of the Harvest which they say is owing to our Commissaries.

The Letter wrote them by the President the 14th. will make them fully acquainted with our Resolution on this Subject and prove that all the Delays and Losses have been occasion'd by their Commissaries insisting on a Superiority which they have no Right to and which We will never admit. Agreed that these Proofs be now repeated to them and that they be accompanied with a Representation of some Violences committed lately by their People in Eight Villages in the Timmery Jagueer into one of which the French Amuldar of Warrapundel sent forty Sepoys, two Topasses and thirty Peons the 15th. February last and seiz'd fifteen hundred Mercalls of Paddy on which Subject our Commissaries have not yet been able to get any Satisfaction from the French Gentlemen.

Receiv'd the following letter from Major Killpatrick.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President & Govr. &ca.
Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have twice done myself the Honour of addressing you, on Account of your late Order to me for the striking off the farther payment of Batta to the Officers and Soldiers of this Garrison, and my not having been favour'd with an Answer from You on that head obliges me once more to lay before you the Difficulties they must labour under from your late Regulation; which you will the better observe from the enclos'd State of the Current Prices of Provisions and all Sorts of Necessaries in this Place. With regard to the former of those Articles I assure you We have barely sufficient to Supply our Buzzar even at the dear Rate they are sold. It is now long since We have had any Supply from the Tanjore Country, and Colonel Lawrence must be very sensible and can inform you of the desolation and ruinous State of the other Parts adjacent to Trichinopoly, There are in this Town no Tradesmen and the People are consequently under a Necessity of buying all kinds of wearing Apparrel from private People who bring them from the Settlements and sell them here at an extravagant Premium, It is in vain to think of settling the Prices of Provisions in the Buzzar or to oblige those People to sell them other Necessaries cheaper, the Consequence would only be that they would leave the Place and not sell them any thing at all. The frequent and even Hourly Remonstrances of the People to me on this Account gives me great uneasiness, and I had yesterday a fresh Instance of their Disaffection by their refusing to go off the Parade when dismiss'd by the Adjutant untill they had spoke with me. I hope you will do me the Justice to believe I acted on this Occasion as became an Officer in my Situation, but upon Private Reflection it is visible to me and every other Officer in this Garrison that the Hardships they complain of are real and great ones. It is this has occasion'd me to trouble you once more on this Subject, and I must entreat you will be pleas'd either to settle on them an additional Allowance or leave it to me, as you shall judge

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[17ᵐᵉ] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*——

convenient otherwise I can no longer answer for the evil Consequences which may accrue, as our People already begin to desert daily, I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trichenopoly
5 March 1755. JAMES KILLPATRICK.

Current Prices of Provisions &cª Necessaries in the Buzzar of Trichinopoly 6th. March 1755.

Rice	℔ Rupee	Seers	12
Ghee	Dº.	Do.	2¼
Mutton	Dº.	Do.	6
Beef	Dº.	Do.	10
Fire Wood	Dº.	Little Bundles.	8
Fish	None to be had.		

Necessaries.

		Rs.	qrs.
Pariar Shoes	℔ Pair	...	2
Coarse Shirts	Each	1	2
Do. Stockings	℔ Pair	2	...
Gingham Breeches	℔ Do.	1	...
Do. Waist coats	Each	1	..

Extra. Expences.

To Washerman & Barber each ½ a Rupee

A Calculation of the daily Expence of each Private Soldier

	fan.	Cash		Rs.	fans.	Cash.
To 1 Seer of Rice				...	...	13½
To 1 Do. Mutton	1	6	or Beef	...	...	16
To ... ... Ghee	...	...	... ...	...	...	8
To ... ... Pepper Salt &cª.	...	...	... ...	...	...	2½
To ... ... Tyer	...	...	... ...	...	...	4
To ... ... Fire Wood	...	...	... ...	...	...	8
Which at 20 Cash to the Fanam & Fanˢ. to yᵉ Rupee				F 2		12.

The Pay of a private Soldier is 2½ Pagˢ. ℔ Month or 75 fanˢ. so that at the Rate of 2fs. 12Cash ℔ Day, they must expend in a Month of 30 Days only 3fs. more than their Pay for Provisions alone exclusive of other Necessys.

J. KILLPATRICK.

The Committee remark that this is the first Time Major Killpatrick has represented the Hardship the Garrison of Trichinopoly would labour under by the striking off their Batta, he has before only mention'd in general Terms that Provisions continue dear in the Place.

As by his above Letter and the List of the Prices inclos'd, it appears that a Soldier in Provisions alone, must spend more than his Pay it is Agreed to grant Permission to Major Killpatrick to allow the Garrison a quarter, half, three Quarters, or whole Batta according to the Prices of Provisions and Order'd that Directions be immediately sent him to that Purpose.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
Aᴿ. WYNCH.
WILLᴹ. PERCEVAL.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*—— [17TH.]

Sent the following Letter to Major Killpatrick agreeable to this Morning's Resolution.

To MAJOR KILLPATRICK.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 5th. representing the Hardships your Garrison labours under by the striking off the Batta. You before only mention'd in General Terms that Provisions were dear without setting forth the Difficulty of your Men furnishing themselves out of their Pay, from whence We concluded that our Orders might have taken Place with You as easily as they have done at Arcot and Changalapet. It was however far from our Intention to subject them to any Distress and We now leave it to you to give them a quarter, half, three Quarters or the whole Batta according as the dearness of Provisions may make it necessary.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
17th. March 1755.

Sent a Letter from the President to the French Committee dated this Day agreeable to the Resolutions made the 17th. Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 32. 19TH.

AT A COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY THE 19TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The Operations of the Commissaries being suspended by the Superiour Power claim'd by the French Gentlemen in the cutting of the Grain and collecting the Revenues of the contested Districts, Captain Maskelyne came in Yesterday to give us an Account of his Proceedings and brought with him a List of Revenues paid to the Nabob by twenty two contested Sumets containing 226½ Villages of the Carangoly Pergana from the 23d. September to the 29th. October 1754. The Original Cadjan Accounts kept by the Nabobs Amuldar all that Time are also in the Possession of our Commissaries.

It is very certain that if the French had been in Possession of these Districts on the 11th. of October, the Day of the Suspension of Arms, the Inhabitants would not have paid the Revenues to the Nabob's Amuldar as far as the 29th. of that Month nor would an Amuldar of the Nabobs have been suffer'd even to reside there.

This List is enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries under No. 48 and the Truth of it is prov'd beyond Doubt by the strong Connection it bears with the

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[19th] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*——

Letter from the French Amuldars to their Deputy Talasana Naigue enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries N°. 5, of which Letter the President enclos'd a Copy to Mr. Godeheu the 12th. February last but no Answer has yet been receiv'd.

The French Amuldar's Letter is dated the 30th. Octor. and says

"At the time of your Departure from hence which was yesterday we order'd "you to seize all the Villages except Madarantegum.
"This Morning We again receiv'd an Order from Pondicherry specefying that "Mannapilla was deem'd guilty to the Company by reason of his not going "before now to Madarantegum and for Writing a Letter to the Killedar of "Carongoly."

It appears then that the time of Talasana Naigue's Departure in order to seize the Villages was the 29th. October 1754, the very Day on which the Revenues ceas'd to be paid to the Nabobs Amuldar.

The Original Letter wrote by Mannapilla to the Killedar of Carangoly (Mahomed Auzem) is also in possession of our Commissaries and a Copy enter'd in their Proceedings under N°. 12. It is dated the 21st: October 1754 and says

"I was Order'd to go to Madarantegum and place Tornams * in the [*sic*] of "Carangoly Pergana, as also to hoist "Colours on every Village and settle the "Management."

* Ensigns of Possession.

This Letter proves the Authenticity of the other, in which it is quoted; and there is so close a Connection throughout all the three Pieces as amounts to Demonstration that the French did Seize the contested Villages of the Carangoly Pergana after the 11th. October the Day of the Suspension. The Committee do therefore Resolve to send Copies of the two Letters & the List of Revenues beforemention'd to the French Committee with a Letter pointing out the Proofs beforemention'd, and demanding the Restitution of those Districts to the Nabob.

Order'd that Captain Maskelyne return immediately to Madarantegum and that a Letter be wrote to him and Mr. Preston directing them to acquaint The French Commissaries that We are ready to give Orders in concert with them for the cutting the Grain on a footing of Equality, which if they will not concur in we shall hold them answerable to whomsoever shall prove to have the Right for all Losses that may ensue.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Sent a Letter to Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston of this Date agreeable to this Morning's Resolution. Enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries N°. 49.

21 Sent a Letter from the President to the French Committee agreeable to Resolutions of the 19th. enter'd in the French Correspondence N°. 33.

Receiv'd a Letter from the French Committee to the President dated the 18th. Instant as enter'd N°. 34.

23 Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Killpatrick.

To THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQr. PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &cA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have lately twice or thrice done myself the Honour to address you on different Subjects but have not yet been favour'd with your Answer. This serves only to

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acquaint you that I have now Prisoners six French Deserters of whom I have agreeable to the Articles transmitted me of the Cartel acquainted the Governour of Pondicherry. The French Commandant at Syringham demanded them of me, saying himself was fully empower'd to pardon them and at the same Time acquainted me that he had two Deserters from us whom he offer'd to deliver me on the same Conditions, but as I don't think myself sufficiently authoriz'd either to pardon our own Men or deliver up theirs I shall do neither untill I am favour'd with your Orders, and I must at the same time request you will be pleas'd to settle the Allowance for the French Deserters detain'd here and by whom it is to be paid, I have hitherto paid them the same Subsistance Money as is given to the French Prisoners in this Place. Since my last I am to acquaint you that I have at the Request of Colonel Heron detach'd the three Company's of Sepoys, which he left in the Villages adjacent to this Place for Camp and supply'd their Place with others from the Garrison. I have just now receiv'd the Honour of your Letter of the 4th. Instant and will carefully avoid all unnecessary Expence in this Garrison, I will also supply Colonel Heron with what Stores can be spar'd from hence. I have the Honour to remain with great Respect Hoñble Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trichinopoly
13th. March 1755. Jas. Killpatrick.

Sent the following Answer to Major Killpatrick's above Letter. 25TH.

To Major Killpatrick.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 13th. you might without the least scruple have deliver'd up the French Deserters upon the Demand of the Commandant at Syringham and his Promise of Pardon and reciprocally you might have claim'd our Men and promis'd them Pardon for this was plainly our Design in transmitting you the Copy of the Cartel with Orders to fulfill the Terms of it. If this has not been done you will put it in Execution immediately and observe it on all future Occasions. In the mean time their Subsistance must be paid by the Company. We are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot—Stringer Lawrence—Henry Powney—Robert Orme—Alexr. Wynch—William Perceval.

Fort St. George
25 March 1755.

Receiv'd a Letter from the French Committee to the President dated the 21st. Instant Enter'd No. 35.

At a Committee WEDNESDAY THE 26TH.

Present.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President
Stringr. Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alexr. Wynch
William Perceval.

Since last Meeting receiv'd the following Letters from Major Heron and Mr. Newton.

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[96th.] ——*FORT S^T. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*——

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R. President
& Governour &c^A. Committee at Fort S^T. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I wrote to you the 22^d. of February that I should begin my march for Madura the 23^d. I accordingly did so, and reached this Place yesterday without any material Occurrence, in marching through the different Polligars Country, We had a great deal of trouble in passing the heavy Cannon, as the Roads were excessive bad, as well as full of Wood, they had thrown up some breast Works in the narrow Passes, I imagine at first with a Design to make some Opposition, but on the Armys nearer approach, they abandon'd them, though not without first obliging part of the Sepoys to give them a Fire, which was return'd, but without any Loss to us.

After having pass'd those Woods, We came to a Stone Fort, which had it been quite finish'd would have been of considerable Strength for this part of the Country, the Madura People who were fortifying it, abandon'd it immediately, we found there some Grain, Ammunition, and four Pieces of Cannon; I have left some Troops in Possession till I see whether or no it will be possible to settle Affairs amicably with these People.

On advancing the Army towards the Town of Madura, I receiv'd Intelligence that the Garrison had abandon'd it, and retir'd with their valuable Effects and Military Stores to a small Fort about four Coass from this Place, I therefore thought it most prudent to quarter the Army in the Town, till I could judge what farther Steps I should take that would be most advantageous for the Company, Few or none of the Inhabitants have left the Place, they seem very well satisfied with the Change of their Government. Our Arrival here is very seasonable, as the Paddy Fields are now fit to cut, and the Time near, at which the Revenues are collected, so that I hope soon to give you a favourable Account of the Company's Affairs here, As large Sums of Money must be paid, in Consequence of our being in Possion [*sic*] of this Place.

The Moravar Polligar's Vakeel join'd me on the March, and has continued with the Army ever since, He informs me his Master is very desirous of settling his Affairs with the Nabob, and being in Friendship with the English. I have wrote him by the Nabob's Consent, that provided he paid the Revenues & restor'd the Countries he had taken possession of since the commencement of the Troubles, he might be assur'd both of our Friendship and Protection.

From the unsettled State of this Country I am afraid it will be impossible thoroughly to establish the Nabob's Affairs so soon as you may expect, but I beg leave to assure you that no Time shall be lost, as it will be my earnest Endeavours to settle them as speedily, and as effectually for the Company's Interest as I possibly can, and I make no Doubt but they will receive ample Satisfaction from this Expedition; Circular Letters shall be wrote to the different Polligars as well as the People of Tinnevelly to come and settle their Affairs with the Nabob, should those not have a proper Effect, I shall march a Military Force to oblige them to it.

The Town of Madura is so very extensive, being much larger than Trichinopoly, that it will require a considerable Body of Men to Garrison it properly, and as in all probability I may be under a Necessity of making different Detachments from the Army, I have wrote to Major Killpatrick to desire if he conveniently can, that he would send Sepoys to guard those Villages and order the three Company's I left there to join me.

I have enclos'd you General Returns of the Army, and am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Madura
the 4^th. March 1755

Alex^R Heron.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*—— [26TH.]

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^R. President
& Governour &c^A. Committee at Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Since writing you the 4th. Instant I have been oblig'd to march out with part of the Army to attack a strong Pagoda about four Coass from Madura, where the late Governour of the Country had retir'd to with his Force, he had been fortifying it in the best manner he could for some time past; but on hearing of the March of the Troops, He and all his Horse secured themselves by a timely retreat, they carried with them His Elephants, Camels Treasure, and greatest part of his valuable Effects; He left Sepoys to defend the Fort, which fir'd on us very briskly for some Time, but on returning it with our Cannon and small Arms, they surrender'd. We found a considerable quantity of Paddy and other Effects, three Brass and one Iron Cannon, a number of Malabar Guns, Ginjauls and a great Quantity of Ammunition, I immediately order'd out Detachments to take Possession of two other small Forts, a few Miles distant from hence, I don't hear they have any other Place of Strength left.

Eight Months of the last Years Revenues have been collected, the other four I hope I shall soon receive, as the Paddy is now cutting.

I have wrote to the People of Tinevelly, and should they not be enclin'd to accommodate Affairs amicably, and pay the Tribute due to the Nabob, I purpose marching a Detachment of the Army with the Field Artillery to compell them to it.

The Officers and Soldiers have had a great Share of Fatigue on this Expedition, they have represented to me, that it has always been a Custom in the Company's Service, that all plunder taken except Guns and military Stores have been given to them, as a Recompence for the Trouble and fatigue they must necessarily undergo in this hot Climate as I am a Stranger in that particular to your Intentions, & that I might act as cautiously as possible in the Affair, I shall reserve half of the whole till I receive your Answer; if it is agreeable to you they should receive the remainder, I shall have a great Satisfaction in giving it to them, as I am well assur'd of their Earnest Endeavours for the good of the Company's Service.

As you may possibly expect the Return of the Army to Trichinopoly sooner than I have Reason at present to think our Affairs will admit of, give me leave Gentlemen to assure you that it has all along been my particular Attention, that the Company should receive all the Benefit possible from this Expedition, and I flatter myself it will fully Answer your Expectation in every Respect, provided I am not limited to too short a Time; but from the late Confusion in the Country, the principal Merchants and Many of the other Inhabitants have retir'd, and as every Place must now soon be in a State of Tranquillity they of Course will return, and I shall then be able not only to collect the Sums due, but settle every thing on so good a footing, that the Nabob and the Company may be assur'd of receiving their Rents regularly for the future more particularly as the Nabob has given me full Powers to settle every thing for him.

I expect Money soon from the Natom Polligar; that and all the rest I receive shall be immediately paid in to Mr. Maunsell. I am with great Esteem Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trombour
9th. March 1755. Alex^R. Heron.

To the Hoñble Pigot Esq^R. Presid^T.
and Governour of Fort St. George.

A very few Days after I address'd You the 28th. Jañary, part of the King's Troops march'd towards Marravah, the remainder were detain'd on Account of the

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King's going to Combiconam, but are now set out to Join the others at Aurandangey; when the whole by Monagee's Account, will amount to 1500 Horse, 2000 Sepoys and matchlocks (part of which are Tondiman's) and 100 Topasses, with two Guns.

The 21st. Ulto. the Nabob came to meet Monagee at Gonde Cotah with an Intention to disswade them from their Expedition to Morravah, and to engage some of the Tanjore Horse, to accompany our Troops, to Tinnevelly, but as he found them fully resolv'd on it, and also expected the Assistance of our Troops, from him, he never mention'd the Letter, and they parted upon very indifferent Terms; It is certain the King has both the Mogul's and Nabobs grant of the Country he claims, of the yearly value of four Lack of Rupees, and the Nabob is under much Apprehensions what Measures they may take, if not put in possession of it, and only objects against their endeavouring to take it by Force, at this Time through fear of renewing the Troubles, the present Commander of Marravah, having always been an Ally of the King of Mysore. I have endeavour'd to persuade them that they may perhaps obtain this Country without using violent Means, and to delay the further march of their Troops, till I can receive your Orders, which they seem the more inclinable to do, I having assur'd them that should the King of Mysore assist their Enemy, the Nabob's Engagements would prevent his giving them any Succour, as they would be the Violators of the Truce.

It is reported the King is going to take into his Service Harrahsing a Jemmidar who has long serv'd the King of Mysore he was here a few Days ago and receiv'd Presents of an Elephant &ca.

I hope to be favour'd with your Orders as soon as you may Judge it proper, as also whether there is a necessity of my continuing longer at this Place, Mr. Maunsell having inform'd me that the Army is no longer to be supplied with Money from hence, the receiving and forwarding of which has of late been the Chief of my Business; I am with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Tanjore
the 4th. March 1755. AND^W. NEWTON.

By the foregoing Letter from Mr. Newton and one just now receiv'd from the Nabob (enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 57) it appears that the King of Tanjore & Tondamon are very much disgusted at the Protection granted by Major Heron to the Moravar Polligar who was an Enemy the whole Time of the War to the Nabob and the King of Tanjore, and who keeps possession of Countries taken from them during the Troubles for the Recovery of which this last is now sending his Army.

It was far from our Intention to enter into any Engagements prejudicial to the King of Tanjore, and Colonel Heron was particularly caution'd in his first Instructions carefully to preserve his Friendship It is therefore surprizing that Major Heron should take such a Step, especially against the Advice of the Nabob; A Step which may prove of the worst Consequence if a timely Remedy is not applied. The friendship of the Moravar is by no means to be put in the Scale against that of the King of Tanjore and Tondaman whose Alliance, to say nothing of their past Services is absolutely necessary for the Security of Trichenopoly.

Agreed therefore

That Directions be immediately sent to Major Heron to dismiss the Moravar Vakeel, and acquaint his Master, that he is not to expect our Friendship untill he has restor'd the Countries he took as well from the King of Tanjore as the Nabob.

That the King of Tanjore be acquainted with the above Resolution, but advis'd at the same Time to endeavour to regain his Countries from the Moravar by the way of Accommodation in concert with the Nabob and Major Heron, and not to send his Army to attack them as such a Proceeding would be a Breach of the Truce,

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that Polligar having been an Ally of the French and Mysoreans, who might therefore join him against the King of Tanjore, and even summon us to do the same; at least it would be impossible for us to lend him any Assistance.

And that Mr. Newton at Tanjore be order'd to wait on the King to deliver our above Letter and Second it.

As Major Heron is in Possession of Madura and writes that he does not hear of any Place of Strength left in possession of the Rebels: Agreed that he be directed to leave a Thousand Sepoys with the Nabob's Officer [which will] be sufficient to secure the Possession and collect the [Rents; &] then to return as soon as Possible with the Army.

Order'd that a Letter be wrote to advise the [Nabob of all] the foregoing Resolutions.

Two Letters from the French Committee to the [President] Nos. 34 & 35 Read;

The first dated the 18th. signifies their Consent [that the] Writers appointed by our Commissaries shall act in Concert with their Amuldars and have a joint & equal Authority with them in cutting the Grain, making the Distribu[tion to] the Inhabitants, guarding the Rest selling it if necessary and receiving the Produce of such Sale and of every other Revenue usually collected in each Village of the contested Districts.

No. 35 dated the 21st. Instant advises that as [they] have found the Reports made to them concerning Meer [Sahib] to be false, they have order'd their Detachment to return [imme]diately to Pondicherry.

Two Letters from Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston [dated] the 22d. & 23d. Instant read, with several Papers inclos'd, [as] enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries from No. 50 [to] No. 56 by which it appearing that the French Gentle[men] are still industriously wasting Time with frivolous Comp[laints] it is Agreed to make a fresh Representation on this Sub[ject] to the Gentlemen of the Committee at Pondicherry.

Letter from the Governour and Council of Negapatam dated the 9th. Instant read enclosing two Copies of a Cartel [sign'd] by them; Some of the Articles of which containing Stipu[lati]ons unusual in Treaties of this nature and subject to Doubts and Perplexities, it is Agreed to send them two Copies of the same Tenour as that sign'd between us and the French requesting that if those terms meet with their approbation they will return us one Copy sign'd by them.

Letters from SanavasaChery, Renter, and Kisnazee Punt Tasealdar of Tripoty read, enclosing two Bills for Pags. (777½) Seven hundred seventy seven and a half, and Rupees (15,107) Fifteen Thousand one hundred and Seven, in further part of the December Kist or Collection.

Order'd that the Commissary get Payment of the Bills, and that the Renter be directed to remit the remaining Ballance of that Kist (above 3000 Pagodas) as soon as possible.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Mr. New[ton with] Letters to the Nabob and King of Tanjore agreeable to [this] Morning's Resolutions.

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[26TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1755.*——

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE HOÑBLE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

We are glad to find by your Letter of the 4th. Inst[ant] that your March to Madura was attended with no Loss and [that] you had hopes of large Sums of Money to be paid to [the] Company. This was our chief Design in the Expedition [and] must be the first Object always in your View.

Many Reasons make it not proper to Garrison [the] several Forts in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countri[es with] our People you must therefore leave this entirely to the [Nabob] and as We observe you have wrote to Major Killpatrick [for] three other Companies of Sepoys we would have you [leave] a Thousand Sepoys to be under the Orders of the Nabob's Officer, and return yourself with the Army to Trichin[opoly] as soon as possible.

The Moravar was an Enemy to the Nabob and [the] King of Tanjore all the War you must on no Account [what]ever come to any Accomodation with him, on the contra[ry as] soon as you receive this, return the Vakeel to his Master [and] acquaint him in a publick manner before the Nabob's [and] the King of Tanjore's Officers that he must never expect [our] Friendship 'till he has restord all the Countries he has [taken] both from the King of Tanjore and the Nabob; and you must at all Times be carefull not to enter into any En[gage]ments without the Concurrence of the King of Tanjore, [much] less to his Prejudice.

Frequent Representations having been made to us of the hurt Rangapah the present Linguist in Camp is to the Nabob's Affairs We recommend to you to make a strict Enquiry into his Conduct and if you find him faulty let him be immediately discharg'd the Service. We are Sir your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
26th. March 1755.

To MR. ANDREW NEWTON.

Sir

I have receiv'd your Letters of the 28th. January and 4th. Instant. You judg'd very rightly that neither the English nor the Nabob can assist the King of Tanjore in his Expedition against Maravah's Country and should the King of Mysore join to oppose him it might occasion fresh Troubles I have therefore wrote to endeavour to dissuade them from it The Morravah's Vakeel has been with Colonel Heron and I hear the King of Tanjore is displeas'd at it, wait on him immediately and give him the strongest Assurances in my name that if any Countenance has been shewn to the Moravah by Colonel Heron it is contrary to my Intentions, that I have now positively order'd him to send away the Vakeel to acquaint his Master that he is not to expect any Friendship from us untill he has given full Satisfaction as well to the King of Tanjore as the Nabob and in general to enter into no Engagements without the Concurrence of the King of Tanjore, much less to his Prejudice. untill this Affair is quite accomodated your Residence at Tanjore will be necessary. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
26th. March 1755. GEORGE PIGOT.

[27TH.] Receiv'd a Letter from Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston dated Yesterday inclosing Copies of the Orders given on both Sides to the Amuldars and Writers for cutting the Grain, Enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries from No. 57 to No. 65.

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Sent a Letter of this Date to Messrs. Maskelyne & Preston as End. No. 66. 28.

Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to the French Committee agreeable to Resolution of the 26th. Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 36.

Receiv'd a Letter from Duval DeLeyrit Esqr. dated the 26th. Inst. advising of his Arrival at Pondicherry in quality of Governor General of all the French Establishments in India Enter'd No. 37. 29TH.

Sent a Letter from the President to Duval DeLeyrit Esqr. in Answer to the foregoing Enter'd No. 38. 30TH.

Sent the following Letter from the President to the Governour and Council of Negapatam of this Date inclosing two Copies of a Cartel for the delivering up of Deserters as resolv'd in Committee the 26th. March. APRIL 1ST

To the Hoñble Stephen Vermont Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Negapatam.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I receiv'd the Honour of your Letter dated the 9th. March with the inclos'd Articles propos'd to be sign'd for the mutual delivering up of Deserters. It is our Constant Practice to deliver up Slaves upon the Demand of their Masters therefore I think it unnecessary to mention them in the Articles and with Regard to Persons guilty of civil Crimes as Murder &ca. it is generally left to the Determination of the Governours for the Time being to return them or not according to Circumstances; I shall never protect any such Offenders but the Treaty I think should only regard Soldiers and Sailors. I therefore now send you two Copies sign'd by me, upon the Plan of that which I have concluded with the French. If they meet with your Approbation please to put the Dutch Translation into the Columns left for that Purpose and return me one Copy sign'd by you keeping the other in your Hands.

Although this Agreement is not yet sign'd and ratified I have begun to put it in Execution on my part by advising Mr. Dormieux of two Dutch Deserters who came here some Days ago and offering them to be return'd on his Promise of Pardon. As yet I have no Answer from him. I am with perfect Esteem Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
1st April 1755. George Pigot.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. DeLeyrit to the President dated the 31st. Ultimo as Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 39. 2D.

At a Committee WEDNESDAY THE 2D.

Present.

George Pigot Esqr. Govr. President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alexr. Wynch
William Percival.

Mr. DeLeyrit's Letter No. 39 dated the 31st. Ultimo is chiefly to communicate to us a Piece of News he mentions to have just receiv'd from Syringham Viz. That Nandy Rajah the Mysore Dalloway had got together a great Number of Troops and prepar'd for hundred Scaling Ladders with a Design to make an Attempt on Trichinopoly; That the Representations made to him on that Subject by the French Commanding Officer, far from diverting him from the Enterprize, had serv'd only to breed Dissentions between them and him insomuch that there was some Reason to apprehend that he might turn his Arms against their Troops.

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[2p.] ——*FORT St. GEORGE, APRIL 1755.*——

The Committee taking the foregoing Circumstances into serious Consideration are of Opinion that there is not much to fear from any Attempt of the Mysoreans upon Trictchenopoly [*sic*], especially when We have the Assistance of the French Troops against them; On the Contrary should they make an Attack on either Nation We imagine it would be easy by joining together to oblige them to quit the Country; an Event much to be wish'd for.

Agreed therefore

That Major Killpatrick be immediately inform'd of this Piece of Intelligence; and Order'd, in case the Dalloway should attack the French, to join them with as many of our Men as can be securely spar'd from the Fort, not only to support them against such Attack but if possible to improve the Opportunity to the obliging him (the Dalloway) to return to his own Country.

That Mr. DeLeyrit be advis'd of the Orders so given to Major Killpatrick.

And that the Same Directions be sent Major Heron to be made use of in case he should find the French at Variance with the Mysoreans on his Return to Trichinopoly.

Just now receiv'd the following Letter from Major Killpatrick.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President & Governr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is with the utmost Concern I find Myself once more oblig'd to address you on Account of the People of this Garrison, more especially as I have not been favour'd with an answer to my Letter of the 5th. Instant, I take the Liberty of troubling you with this. Since my last to you I was inform'd of a Design which the Garrison had to mutiny, to seize the Guns and most considerable Bastions of the Place. I immediately order'd the Train People to stand to the Guns and lin'd the Walls with the Sepoys and assembled the Military on the Parade, I acquainted them with the Occasion of my assembling them, which they with a general Voice denied, but acknowledg'd their Intention was to have complain'd to me in a Body, that they could no longer subsist and were reduc'd to a necessity of Starving. I have confin'd those who were represented to me as principally concern'd in the Affair, and shall Order a Court of Enquiry to sit to morrow, the Proceedings of which I shall transmit to you and wait your further Commands. Even this could no [*sic*] prevail on me to exceed your Orders or supply them with any Money on the Honble Company's Account, but Compassion for their Circumstances which I know to be really such as they were represented, induc'd me to furnish them with some from my own Purse.

Judge Gentlemen how uneasy must be my Situation in these Circumstances with a Treacherous and designing Enemy so near, who I am confident would not scruple to take an Advantage of our People's Dissatisfaction. I once flatter'd myself my Zeal for the good of the Service was not unknown to you, and that your Opinion of me as an Officer was such as to believe I would never have made you a Remonstrance of the Nature of that, my Letter of the 5th. Instant contain'd without the most urgent Necessity. The utmost end of my Ambition has ever been to have it in my Power to contribute to the good of the Service, and I now think it my Duty to inform You that under these Difficulties I am no longer equal to the Task and must entreat you will relieve me from a Command where every Circumstance concurrs to make me dread the most Sinister Events both to our Honble Masters Interest and my own Character. The Scarcity of every kind of Provisions in our Buzzar still continues tho I never since I have had the Honour to command in this Place suffer'd the least Duty to be laid on them, the Chief Reason for this I before acquainted you is owing to our not having for these six Weeks past receiv'd the least Supply from the Tanjore Country. I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servant

Tritchinopoly
26th. March 1755.

James Killpatrick.

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The Commitee think it necessary to remark on the above Letter that Major Killpatrick's Representations of the 5th. March was answered without Loss of Time (the 17th. of the same Month); it is unlucky that those Orders had not reach'd him, but We think he might have prevented the Difficulties caus'd by their Delay on the Road; or at least not have suffer'd them to rise to so great a heigth [*sic*] as he now Represents; It is impossible, but by the Miscarriage of Letters or the tardiness of the Hircara's, Disappointmts. must sometimes happen, which should then be remedied by the Discretion of the commanding Officer, and the particular Confidence we have always plac'd in Major Killpatrick might have convinc'd him above all others that We should have approv'd any Step he had taken to prevent so much Disorder. The Terms also in which this last Representation is conceiv'd seem design'd as a Reflexion on our Management, which is an unpardonable Piece of Disrespect; he has however prevented the Notice we should have taken of such a Behaviour by desiring, himself, to be reliev'd; which it is Agreed to do without Loss of Time; sorry that an Officer who has behav'd on other Occasions so much to the Satisfaction of his Superiors, should by his last Act forfeit any part of the Esteem he has before acquir'd.

The Command of Trichinopoly being a Post of great Consequence it is now debated whom it will be proper to invest with it. Colonel Lawrence being desir'd to give his Opinion, mentions Capt. Caillaud as the Person most experienc'd and best acquainted with the different Interests of the Several Powers, and one at the same Time very high in the Confidence of the Nabob and the King of Tanjore. This last Circumstance may be particularly serviceable in the present Posture of Affairs and upon the whole it is the unanimous Opinion of the Committee that Capt. Caillaud is the fittest Person to succeed to the Command of Trichenopoly, and Agreed that he set out with as much Expedition as possible, and call on the King of Tanjore, (and Tondaman also if he is in his own Country) to endeavour to remove the Apprehensions they are still under on the Subject of the Moravar by assuring them that We disapprove of the Steps taken by Colonel Heron in his favour.

Order'd that full Instructions be prepar'd for Capt. Caillaud, and Letters to be sent by him to the Nabob, the King of Tanjore and Tondaman.

And that Major Heron upon this Alteration be directed to leave Captain Caillaud's Company in the Garrison of Trichenopoly in the Room of Captain Polier's.

A Letter from Messieurs Maskelyne and Preston dated 29th. Instant read inclosing Extracts of Letters between them & the French Commissaries Enter'd No. 67 to No. 74. It appears from the beforemention'd Extracts that the French Commissaries refuse to admit any Persons on our Part in 105 Villages of the Wandiwash Pergana and 106 Villages of the Trevamatore Pergana which were taken from the Nabob in the Months of November and December last.

This Refusal is a Breach of the first Article of the Treaty relating to the Commissaries which says that Writers shall be mutually receiv'd in all the contested Districts, and it may also be attended with a Loss to the Nabob of his Property in the Grain now to be cut in the said 211 Villages; Agreed therefore,

That Complaint be made of it to Mr. DeLeyrit & that We declare to him that We hold the French Commissaries answerable for any Loss that may ensue.

And that Messieurs Maskelyne & Preston be directed to appoint Amuldars for the Wandiwash and Tervamatore Districts and to insist on their being receiv'd.

The President acquaints the Committee that one Meerza Mahomed Cauzim, a Relation of Mahomed Moheen Cawn, late Japhir Allee Cawn Nabob of Rajahmundrum but now appointed a Vizir to Salabad Jung intending to set out to morrow for Salabad Jung's Army in Order to pay a Visit to his Relation beforemention'd, He (the President) had prepar'd a Letter to be sent by him to Salabad Jung which is now read and approv'd; also one to Mahomed Moheen Cawn.

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And as the said Meerza Mahomed Cauzim has offer'd to remain in Salabad Jung's Camp as long as he has an Opportunity of doing any Service to the Company by sending Intelligence or otherwise It is Agreed that one Thousand (1000) Rupees be given him for his Expences and that he Act as Company's Vakeel.

Capt. Howes writes from Arcot that the Moratta's having accomodated their Disputes with the Widow of Eraset Cawn at Saudgul had decamp'd towards their own Country.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

[3D.] Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. DeLeyrit of this Date agreeable to yesterday's Resolution, Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 40.

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Major Killpatrick agreeable to yesterday's Resolutions.

To ALEXANDER HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE
HON'BLE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

We wrote to you the 26th. March since which we have fresh Reasons to wish for your Presence at Trichinopoly with the Army, the Mysoreans seeming not to be inclin'd to remain long in Inaction; We therefore think it necessary to repeat our Directions that you return without Loss of Time, leaving the thousand Sepoys order'd in our last, to guard the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries.

If you should find the French at Variance with the Dalloway you are to join them with the Army, endeavour to dislodge the Mysoreans from the Neighbourhood of Trichinopoly, and oblige them to return to their own Country.

We hope you ere this remov'd the Suspicions of the King of Tanjore and Tondaman by sending away the Moravars Vakeel. The Steps you unguardedly took in favour of this last might have been of very fatal Consequence.

We have appointed Capt. Caillaud to succeed Major Killpatrick in the Command of Trichenopoly; Capt. Polier's Company must therefore come with you to Arcot and Captain Caillauds remain at Trichenopoly in their Stead.

Whatever Plunder is taken may be given to the Soldiers except the Military Stores and Grain which last is absolutely necessary to be reserv'd as a Store for the Garrisons to be kept by the Nabob in those Countries.

We are Sir Your most obt. Servts. GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
3d. April 1555.

To MAJOR KILLPATRICK.

Sir

We find by your Letter of the 26th. that ours of the 17th. had not then reach'd you we now send you a Duplicate for fear of Accidents. If you had had a proper Sense of the particular Confidence we have always plac'd in you, you might have prevented

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the Complaints of your Men and without putting yourself to the Inconvenience of advancing any of your own Money, by making them on the Company's Account any Allowance you thought necessary? You know very well that We should have concurr'd in whatever you represented to be for the good of the Service and the discretional Orders you had receiv'd with regard to an Allowance of Batta to the three Company's of Sepoys at the Out Posts might have put you in mind that it could never be our Intention to distress our own Soldiers more than those Sepoys.

Our Orders for striking off the Batta of the Garrison were sent two Months before hand purposely that We might have your Opinion. We never heard any thing from you of the Distress it would put your Garrison to untill after the Time was expir'd; you said merely that Provisions continued Dear. In short Sir you have acted on this Occasion not with that Zeal which you have shew'd on others and your Representations especially in your last Letter savour somewhat of Disrespect to us, which is the more inexcusable after the particular Politeness with which We have behav'd towards you.

The Governour of Pondicherry has acquainted us that he is inform'd by a Letter from Mr. De Saussay of the 28th. March that Nandirauze had prepar'd four hundred scaling Ladders with Design to make an Attempt on Trichinopoly; and that the Representations & Threats of the French Officer, far from dissuading him from the Attempt has bred Dissentions between the Dalloway and them, insomuch that Mr. DeLeyrit say [*sic*] he is suspicious that he may turns [*sic*] his Arms against them We do not apprehend much Danger from any Attempt of the Dalloway's against Trichinopoly and if with Security to the Place you should see an Opportunity of joining the French with a Datachment of your Troops and dislodging the Mysoreans from your Neighbourhood it will be a most acceptable piece of Service. Whether this Advantage can be taken or not you are to afford the French Officer all the Assistance you can in case he should be attack'd by the Mysoreans.

Capt. Caillaud will set out in two or three Days to relieve you in the Command of Trichinopoly. As soon as you have deliver'd the Garrison into his Charge and settled any Affair you may have you will set out for Madrass. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH— WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
3d. April 1755.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Admiral Watson.

TO THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Gentlemen

As I purpose to proceed the 6th. Inst. with his Majesty's Squadron under my Command to Trincomalle on the Island of Ceylon, to avoid the breaking up of the Monsoon, I think it necessary to acquaint you therewith, in case you should now judge it proper before I sail to communicate any Advices you may have lately receiv'd.

I shall return in May, when if there should be any thing in Agitation for the good of the Company's Service in which I can give Assistance, I shall very gladly contribute my Endeavours. I am, Gentlemen, Your most Obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
3d. April 1755.— CHAS. WATSON.

The above Letter from Admiral Watson having been communicated to the Gentlemen of the Committee the following Answer was agreed to.

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To CHARLES WATSON ESQR. REAR ADMIRAL OF THE BLUE,
AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA
AND OF THE MARINE FORCES OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Sir

We have been favour'd with your Letter of 3d. Instant, intimating your Intention to proceed with the Squadron to Trincomalee, We have only to request that on your Return you'll be so good to call at Fort St. David where We will lodge any Advices for you We may Receive from Europe or have to communicate to you on Affairs here.

Mr. Pigot has already had the Honor to inclose to you Copy of the Treaty of Truce since the Conclusion of which nothing of Moment has occurred. We are greatly oblig'd to you for the Readiness you have always shewn to promote the Company's Interest & wish you an agreeable Passage & that We may shortly have the Pleasure of seeing you again. We are Sir, Your most Obedient humble Servants GEORGE PIGOT—S. LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBT. ORME—AR. WYNCH—WM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
4th. April 1755.

4TH Sent a Letter to Messrs. Maskelyne & Preston of this Date agreeable to Resolutions of the 2d. Enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 75.

Deliver'd Captain Caillaud his Instructions as follow with Letters to the Nabob, the King of Tanjore and Tondaman.

To CAPTAIN JOHN CAILLAUD.

Sir

We have appointed you to succeed Major Killpatrick in the Command of Trichinopoly, you are therefore to proceed immediately to take Charge of that Garrison. We would have you call on the King of Tanjore in your way and deliver him the accompanying Letter in which We have advis'd him that you will discourse fully with him of all Affairs. The chief Object of your Attention will be to remove the Jealous Apprehensions he has lately been under on the Subject of the Moravar, whose Vakeel having resided for some time with Colonel Heron at the Army, the King of Tanjore suspected that We had a Design to enter into an exclusive Alliance with that Polligar who was an open Enemy the whole War both of the Nabob and the King of Tanjore. Coll. Heron has no Orders for any Steps he may have taken in his favour, and upon the very first News We sent him positive Directions to dismiss the Moravar Vakeel, and enter into no Agreement with him untill he should restore all the Countries he took both from the Nabob and the King of Tanjore during the Troubles. You may assure the King further that We shall never conclude any Treaties with the Country Powers without first advising with him much less to his Prejudice.

If Tondaman is in his own Country it will not be much out of your way to call on him also. We therefore deliver you a Letter, with which in such Case you will wait on him, and endeavour to dissipate the Alarm he has taken upon the same Occasion, The Moravar.

The Governour of Pondicherry has acquainted us that he is inform'd by a Letter from Mr. De Saussay, the Commander of the French Troops at Syringham, that the Mysore Dalloway had prepar'd four hundred scaling Ladders in order to make an Attempt on Trichenopoly, and that all the Representations and Threats of the French Officer, instead of dissuading him from his Design, has serv'd only to breed Dissentions between the Mysorean & them insomuch that Mr. De Leyrit says he is suspicious that he may turn his Arms against them. We do not apprehend

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much Danger from any Attempt of the Dalloway's against Trichinopoly, and in case the French should be attack'd by him, you are to give them all the Assistance you can with Security to the Place; If this Dissention should give you an Opportunity of joining a Detachment of your Troops to the French, and driving the Mysoreans entirely from the Neighbourhood of Trichenopoly, We would have you by all means seize the Occasion.

You are appriz'd that We have concluded a Cartel both with the French & Dutch for the returning of Deserters. Therefore if any should come to you from the Service of either of those Nations, you are to give Notice to the French Commandant at Syringham or the Governour of Negapatam, and restore them upon their Promise of Pardon. In the same manner you are to demand any of your Men that may desert to them offering them Pardon in our Name.

By the Accounts of the dearness of Provisions in Trichinopoly We find it as yet impossible for the Garrison to subsist without Batta, for which Reason Major Killpatrick has descretional Orders to allow the Men a quarter, half, three quarters or whole Batta according to the Prices of Provisions. We put the same Confidence in you desiring that you will use your Endeavours to get your Buzzars plentifully supplied, by which means every necessary will cheapen by degrees.

We have given Orders for twelve Months' Provisions to be laid up in the Storehouse for the Subsistence of the Garrison in case of a Siege We know not whether this Quantity is quite compleated; if not, we recommend it to you to get it done as soon as possible, and this Supply is to be kept constantly in Store. At proper Seasons the Buzzars may be supplied with the old Grain and new laid up in its Stead.

Colonel Heron has orders to return as soon as possible with the Army to Trichenopoly from whence he is to proceed with the Nabob to Arcot. He is directed to leave four Compleat Companies with you; Your own, Captain Smith's, Captain Callendars, and Major Killpatricks. Your Garrison is made so considerable that you may be enabled, after the Army has left you, to send out a Party if it should be necessary upon any Disturbance of the Polligars, or their Refusal to pay the Rents due to the Nabob. Transmit us the best Account you can get of the Sums that may be expected to be collected from all the Countries in the Dependence of Trichenopoly, which will enable us to fix how much is to be receiv'd for the Company; in the mean Time you will settle with the Nabob's People and get as large a Proportion as you can towards the Discharge of his Debt. We wish you Success and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENY. POWNEY —ROBT. ORME—AR. WYNCH—WM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
4th. April 1755.

Receiv'd a letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 1st. Instant, enter'd No. 41.

AT A COMMITTEE SATURDAY THE 5TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Mr. De Leyrits Letter No. 41. Read, proposing to suspend the Operations of the Commissaries untill we can adjust a Method for them to proceed on in order to prevent the Consequences which the Difficulties that have hitherto occurr'd might occasion.

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Consideration being had on this Proposal the Committee are of Opinion that hitherto much Time has been wasted in trivial Complaints and Disputes which We should be very glad to see an End to, and it is to be hop'd that this is Mr. De Leyrit's Intention. It is agreed therefore to wait for his Proposals and in the mean Time to suspend the Operations of our Commissaries except in what concerns the cutting the Grain & the Receipt of the other Revenues.

Order'd that Letters be wrote accordingly to Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston and to Mr. De Leyrit.

The following Letter receiv'd Yesterday from the Chief & Factors at Anjengo read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. Presidt. &
Governr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclos'd is Duplicate of our last Advices to your Honour &ca. under the 10th. Ultimo and on the 22d. following came to hand your Favour of the 22d. January.

This is dispatch'd Express to acquaint you, that We are inform'd by one of the King of Travancore's principal Ministers that his Master has lately receiv'd certain Advice that Mahomed Ally, has march'd a large Body of Men assisted with a considerable number of Europeans suppos'd to come from Madrass, towards Trinavella upon the Frontiers of [his] Dominions, from whence he is apprehensive they have Designs of entering his Country, which he highly complains of to us as a Violation of the Friendship and good understanding that has so long subsisted between the Honble Company and him. Tho We have no other Foundation for this Report than the above Information, We think it necessary to advise your Honour &ca. of it; requesting you will be pleas'd to favour us with a speedy Answer, that We may be able to satisfy the King of Travancore in this Affair; which otherwise may be attended with the worst Consequences to the Honble Company's Trade at this Settlement.

Our Honble Masters Ship the York after receiving what Pepper and Cardamoms they had in Warehouse at Tellicherry return'd hither to compleat her Loading, and was finally dispatch'd from hence the 26th. Ultimo, We are likewise [in] daily Expectation of the Prince Henry & Shaftsbury touching at this Place both bound for England.

We take this Opportunity of congratulating the Honble George Pigot Esqr. on his Accession to the Government of Madras and are Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servants George Scott—Peter Elwin Wrench—Titus Scott.

Fort St. George [*sic*]
19th. March 1755.

Although We have not heard of any Insults committed by our Army on the Territories of the King of Travencore It is agreed for his greater Security to send particular orders to Major Heron to be careful not to give that Prince any Cause of Complaint and to write the Nabob to the same Effect.

Order'd that the Chief and Factors at Anjengo be immediately acquainted with the foregoing Resolution in Answer to their Letter.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.

[5TH.] Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit agreeable to this Morning's Resolution enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 42. Also the following Letter to the Chief and Factors at Anjengo.

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To GEORGE SCOTT ESQR. CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

Gentlemen

We receiv'd yesterday the Favour of your Letter of the 19th. March. The Nabob sent his Army to Tinnevely with no other View but to collect the Revenues due to him as that Place is Subject to Trichenopoly. His Generals as well as the Commander of our Troops that accompany them are strictly caution'd against insulting the Territories of any other Prince and for the greater Security of the King of Travencore we wrote immediately on the Receipt of your Advices to the Nabob and the Commander of our Troops to repeat those Orders. We are therefore persuaded that the King of Travencore to complain of any Damage done to his Dominions [*sic*]. We expect that the Army is by this Time on it's Return and are Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
5th. April 1755.

Sent a Letter to Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston of this Date agreeable to yesterday's Resolution. Enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 76. also the following Letter to Major Heron. 6TH.

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE HOÑBLE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

We are inform'd by Letter from the Govern[r]. & Council of Anjengo that the King of Travencore is uneasy at the March of the Army to Tinnevelly fearing that there is some Design against his Territories. A part of his Country lies in the Road from Madura to Tinnevelly we therefore dispatch this as a Caution to you to be particularly careful that no Damage is done to them, and to shew the most friendly Regard to any of his People that you may meet with. We doubt not indeed but your own Reflexions would lead you naturally to such a Behaviour and that you have avoided giving that Prince any Cause of Complaint. We are Sir Your most Obedt. Servts.

GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
6th. April 1755.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 4th. Instant with four Papers inclos'd relating to the contested Districts, Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 43. 7TH.

Capt. Maskelyne arriv'd from Madarantegum and brought with him Copies of Letters between the English and French Commissaries enter'd No. 77 to No. 81. also two Persons nam'd Annacutty Sawmiah and Annachey Pillah who have material Evidence to give. 9TH.

AT A COMMITTEE

SATURDAY THE 12TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Mr. De Leyrits Letter No. 43 dated the 4th. Instant with the several Papers inclos'd having been perus'd by the Gentlemen of the Committee is now again read, and found liable to many Remarks, among which the following are the most striking.

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First that he owns the Authenticity of the Letters from their Amuldars, and their substitute Mannapilla, which last says that he has Orders from Pondicherry to seize *all the Villages* of the Carangoly Pergana, at the same time that We have in our Hands three Letters from the French Commissaries to ours in which they acknowledge the Nabob's indisputable Right to some Villages of that same Pergana.

Secondly that he takes no Notice at all of the List of Revenues paid to the Nabob as far as the 29th. October 1754.

Thirdly that the three Cadjan Letters (the only Proofs he sends) are all written by their own Amuldars for Rangapilla the French Company's Dubash who, as he rents all their new Acquisitions, may have an Interest in disguising Facts and giving false Alarms; Besides, the Dates of these Letters cannot possibly be adjusted with the Arguments drawn from them as will be shewn at large in the Answer to be wrote Mr. De Leyrit.

The two Persons who came in with Capt. Maskelyne having given their Depositions in Writing the same are now read as enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 82 & 83.

The first of them Annacootey Sawmyah is the Person appointed in the French Amuldar's Letter to assist Talasana Naigue in seizing Madarantegum and other Places, which Circumstance very much corroborates the Declaration he now makes of his having planted the French Colours on five Villages the beginning of November last.

The other Annachey Pilla was forcibly carried away from the Village of Cuttiam with all his Accounts to Madarantegum. These Accounts, among which were some of the Nabobs, were taken from him in the French Commissaries Tent, in their own Presence, and refus'd to be restor'd him. Such an Act of Violence would hardly have been committed, if they did not find a want of Evidence to justify their Pretensions.

The President is desir'd to swear Annacootey Sawmiah and Annachey Pilla to the Truth of their Deposition, after which it is Resolv'd to send Copies to Mr. Leyrit as well as of the French Commissaries Letters beforemention'd, and of the Declaration of Sawmyah and Subba Gurkal the two Bramins who were forc'd by the French Amuldar to sign a Paper without reading it, which Declaration is enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 52.

Order'd that a Letter to Mr. DeLeyrit be prepar'd accordingly and as We look upon the above recited Papers to be unanswerable Proofs of the Nabob's Right to the contested Districts it is Agreed that the Resolution be again demanded.

Mr. De Leyrit's Letter concludes with the two following Proposals.

> "That new Commissaries be appointed" or "That fresh Instructions be given to those now in Commission pointing out the particular Facts into which they are to enquire"

Upon which Proposals the Committee observe tha[t] our Commissaries have already full & Sufficient Instructio[ns] and that they have hitherto acted conformably to them; But as Commissaries can be of no use if Mr. Leyrit is deaf to su[ch] Proofs as We shall now lay before him, it is Agreed to take no Notice of his Proposals untill we receive his Answer.

Receiv'd the following Letters from Major Killpatrick.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr. President and Governr. &ca.
Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I yesterday receiv'd a Letter from the French Commandant at Seringham acquainting me that he had something [of] the utmost Consequence to communicate to me & desir'd I wo[uld] come over to him; I being very busy at the Time could not

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go Myself but deputed Lieut^{t}. William Rumbold from whom [I] receiv'd the inlcos'd Letter, which I now take the Liberty of forwarding to you with my Answer to M^{r}. Du Saussay wherein you may observe I have offer'd him any Assistance he may want from this Place in a manner which I thought the most eligible for fullfilling the Articles of the Convention without Risque to this Garrison. I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your Most Obedient and most Humble Servant

Trichinopoly
30th. March 1755.

JAS. KILLPATRICK.

To MAJOR KILLPATRICK.

Sir

I have an Affair of the greatest Consequence to communicate to you, which prevents my going to Trichinopoly; If you can come over here you will find it useful; It concerns you as well as me; Half an Hour's Conversation You may spare Time for; the Affair is of such Importance that I cannot quit my Post. I have the Honour to be very perfectly Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

Syringham
28th. March 1755.

LE CHEV. DU SAUSSAY.

To MAJOR KILLPATRICK.

Dear Sir

M^{r}. Du Saussay desires me to inform you that for some Time past the Rajah has been tempting him to act a treacherous part in regard to us which he as constantly refus'd, That the Rajah has caus'd 400 Scaling Ladders to be made with Intent to Escalde the Walls of Trichinopoly, That he yesterday made him a Proposal to give him three Lack of Rupees, 150,000 of which were to be paid him down & the other half at Wootatore provided he would feign a Quarrell with him and go & Encamp there & leave him at Liberty to make an Attempt on Trichinopoly which he refus'd with Disdain.

He has likewise desir'd me to inform you that he is unacquainted [*sic*] by a Friend he has in the Rajah's Councils, that he intends with a few of his People to attack the French who have but 250 Europeans & no Sepoys, while the remainder of his Forces attack Trichinopoly where he desires me to acquaint you the Rajah has some Friends & a Black Fellow who constantly gives him very good Intelligence, He therefore begs you will immediately write him some Signals which you are to make in case you stand in need of his Assistance & I enclose you those which he intends to make should he find himself in the same Case. His Intention is if the Rajah makes any Motion towards Trichinopoly to attack his Rear & begs you will sally out at the same Time & fall upon the Front of his Army. I am Dear Major Your most Obedient humble Servant

Syringham
29th. March 1755.

WILL RUMBOLD.

FROM MAJOR KILLPATRICK TO M^{R}. DU SAUSSAY.

Sir

The Intelligence you have favour'd me with serves to strengthen & confirm the good Opinion I ever entertain'd of M^{r}. Du Saussay & to be free with You is what I have been in daily Expectation of for the Rajah's evil Intentions have been no Secret to me for some Time past.

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Your open & Honourable way of acting Sir I think requires an equal return from me, & I must therefore acquaint you that as I have from your Information Reason to apprehend some Treachery within here, I don't think it consistent with the Safety of this Garrison to make any Sally during the Night; the Fidelity of my European Force I am assur'd of, & think I could answer for the Sepoys of both which I have a Number sufficient to oppose a much more considerable Force than the Rajah's were it on the open Plain: The treacherous Nature of the Rajah gives me Reason to think that it may not be towards us only his ill Designs are form'd and that you who are more expos'd to him may probably be the Object, In which Case if you should stand in need of any Assistance from hence let me know, & I am ready to send you any Force which you think necessary & I can spare, to remain under your Orders at Syringham, but I cannot think of detaching any from hence in the Night or opening the city Gates.

Should I be attack'd in the Night Sir, for in the Day I think it hardly possible I will burn two blue Lights on the Rock & fire three Guns in which Case any Assistance you can afford me will be very acceptable. I am &cᵃ·

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqᴿ· President & Governour &cᴬ· Council of Fort Sᵀ· George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I am favour'd with your Letter of the 17ᵗʰ· Instant, which Nothing could have given me greater Satisfaction, As it did at once Calm the People's Disquiet and relieve me from great Uneasiness on that Account.

The Allowance of half Batta will I think be fully sufficient especially as We may now hope in a few Months to see every thing in greater Plenty here, which the Nabob and Myself have been long endeavouring to forward and have taken every Method which appear'd to be conducive to it. It was with no small Concern however, I observe you seem to express some Displeasure that your Orders should not so readily take Place here as in other Garrisons, give me Leave to assure you they were punctually complied with, and if I took the Liberty to represent to you the Inconveniences attending them I beg you will do me the Justice to believe Nothing but the most urgent Necessity, the Dangerous Situation of the Place, and the utmost Ardour and concern for its Safety could have induc'd me to it. I have Prisoners some of the Mysore Dalloway's head Bramins who I am inform'd have been endeavouring to corrupt our People with Money to deliver him the Fort. I shall order a Court of Enquiry to sit on them to morrow, the Proceedings of which I shall transmit to you & wait your further Orders. I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedᵗ· & most hb̄le Servᵗ·

Trichinopoly
3ᵈ· April 1755. Jaˢ· Killpatrick.

To the Hon̄'ble George Pigot Esqᴿ· President & Governour &cᴬ· Council, of Fort Sᵀ· George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I now enclose you the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry which I mention'd to you in my Letter of the Third. Althô the Bramin Cundellrow appears to be in the highest Degree culpable & that I think the most ready way to deterr others from the like treacherous Practices is by making severe Examples of those whom we detect, yet as I do not immediately apprehend any evil Consequence from the Delay, I have respited his Punishment untill I am favour'd with your Orders. I am extreamly sorry that my ill State of Health obliges me to beg your Permission for the quitting a Service where I have met the greatest Obligations, & which I leave with much regret, but dispairing of any Cure in this Country I am oblig'd to seek it in Europe,

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1755.*—— [12TH.]

I must therefore entreat you will be pleas'd to depute some body to take from me the Charge of this Garrison. I have thus early declar'd to you my Intentions that I may have Time to inform him of every thing which is necessary for the Safety of the Garrison. The hurry which these late Occurrences have occasion'd prevents my forwarding to you by this Hircara my Accounts and Returns for last Month but shall enclose them the next Time I have the Honour to address you. I am with the greatest Respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most
Trichinopoly Humble Servant
5th. April 1755. JAMES KILLPATRICK.

The necessary Precautions were taken in Committee the 2d. Instant, to frustrate any Attempt of the Mysoreans upon Trichenopoly. The Allowance of half Batta to that Garrison during the excessive dearness of Provisions is approv'd, and Agreed that it be left to the Nabob to punish the Bramin Cundel Row in what manner he thinks proper as he is a Person who never liv'd under European Government.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit of this Date agreeable to Resolution of the 12th. as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 45. [15TH.]

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 14th. Instant enter'd No. 46. 18TH.

Receiv'd another Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 18th. Instant enter'd No. 47. 21ST.

AT A COMMITTEE MONDAY THE 21ST.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Two Letters No. 46 & 47 from Mr. De Leyrit read setting forth that Major Killpatrick has not yet deliver'd up the French Deserters to their Commanding Officer & that he (Mr. De Leyrit) is waiting for an Answer to his last Letter on the Subject of the contested Districts.

Major Killpatrick in a Letter of the 14th. Instant, just receiv'd, advises that in Consequence of our Orders of the 25th. Ultimo he has deliver'd to the French Commandant eighteen Deserters on his Promise of Pardon.

Agreed that Mr. De Leyrit be acquainted therewith. To the other parts of his Letters the President's of the 15th. No. 45 is a full Answer.

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[21st.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1755.*——

Since last meeting receiv'd also the following Letters from the Major Killpatrick.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This only serves to acquaint you that the Dalloway with all his Army is going off from Syringham, Reports say by Reason of Salabad Jung being on his March with a large Army towards the Mysore Country and others that he fears our Resentment of his late treacherous Behaviour. I have here now sixteen French Deserters for the Disposal of whom I impatiently wait your Orders. I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedt. and most humble Servant

Trichenopoly
9th. April 1755. James Killpatrick.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr. Presidt.
and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was this Day favour'd with your Letter of the 3d. Instt. with the Duplicate enclos'd, the Original of which came safe to hand, as you will find by my Answer, which I hope you have e'er this receiv'd. It is with the utmost Gratitude that I acknowledge the peculiar Confidence you have on all Occasion's honour'd me with, but I am extremly sorry to observe that what I intended well, has been otherwise construed and that while I thought the greatest Respect I could shew was a strict Conformity to your Orders, it should meet with an Interpretation, the widest from my Intention (that of Disrespect) more especially as by your Letter of the 17th. you seem to be displeas'd, that those very Orders were not so readily complied with as in other Garrisons. Whatever Indulgence you might have shewn by approving the Allowance I had from my own private Opinion settled on the People, I should have thought it a Piece of Presumption I never could have answer'd, to have establish'd any without your Orders, and if you will please Gentlemen to revise your Letter of the 5th. Ultimo which you referr me to you will find, that I was only empower'd thereby to fix an Allowance to be paid the Sepoys at Trichindora, (in case Provisions were dearer there than at Trichinopoly) now Gentlemen you will please to recollect that I never wrote you Provisions were grown cheaper at Trichinopoly, since the Suspension. It is true I had hopes they would and endeavour'd all I could to forward it, but when I found those Endeavours frustrated and disquiets daily encreasing in the Garrison, it was then only that I took the Liberty of representing to you the evil Consequences I apprehended might ensue, and if the long Interval between the Date of my Letter of the 5th. and the Arrival of your Answer of the 17th. Ultimo made my Second Remonstrance warmer than it would otherwise have been, It was far from having any disrespectful Meaning. My letter of the 28th. has I hope e'er this reach'd You. therein you will observe I offer'd Mr. Du Saussay any Force or Assistance he requir'd which is now renderd needless by Reason of the Dalloways Removal from Syringham, as I had the Honour to acquaint you in my last Letter.

I shall upon Capt. Calliaud's Arrival comply with your Orders and hasten my Return to Madras, where I flatter myself I shall be able to convince you that no one has more disinterested Zeal for the Service or is with greater Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant Jas. Killpatrick.

Trichinopoly
10th. April 1755.

P.S. There are now here eighteen French Deserters.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1755.*—— [21ms.]

Two Letters from Major Heron at Tinnevelly and one from Mr. Newton at Tanjore read as follow.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President
& Govern.r &c.a Committee of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Army reach'd this Place the 25th. Instant without any Opposition, some of the Polligars came in during our march, and others sent their Vakeels, I believe all except two, are inclin'd to adjust every thing amicably and pay the Nabob the Sums they owe, against those two, I shall be oblig'd to march a Military Force. I have wrote circular Letters acquainting them I am sent down with an Army to collect the Revenues, threat'ning to destroy their Countries if they refuse, and on the contrary promising Favour & Protection to those that come in or send their Vakeels; I doubt not but they will have the desir'd Effect.

Mauphoos Cawn will pay the remainder of the Money for the Madura Villages in a few Days. some of the principal Merchants have made Proposals for renting these in the same manner, The Terms I hope to settle this Day, and they promise to pay down a considerable Sum of Money, part of which I shall soon remit you down, in a Bill of Exchange of Buckanjee Casandas's. I can't tell the exact Sum but it will not be under a Lack of Rupees.

As the Black People are very slow to enter on Business, & all their Transactions tedious, I fear it will take up more Time than you may probably expect, to thoroughly establish the Nabob's Affairs in this Country; but give me Leave Gentlemen to assure you, I shall take all imaginable Care to finish them as soon as possible, which I doubt not, I shall be able to do, entirely to your Satisfaction, and greatly for the Interest of the Company.

I find that Monajee & Tondaman are both very much discontended at my Negociations with the Moravar Polligar, every Step I have taken in that Affair, was by the Nabob's own particular desire, and I am certain must, and has already prov'd very advantageous to his Affairs, at the Time I first gave him Leave to send his Vakeel Mahomed Cawn was treating with him, for Assistance against us in defending this Country, and he would certainly have join'd him, had I not promis'd by the Nabob's Consent our Favour and Protection; on which he not only refus'd assisting, but also a Retreat in his own Country when he ask'd for it; had their Force united, We should have met with many Obstructions to our accomodating Matters here, all I wrote to Monojee was to desire he would not attack the Moravar till the Nabob had settled all Affairs with him, he never sent me any Answer.

As to Tondaman's they never were of any Service to Us, on the contrary they plunder'd and burnt the Country as they went along without any distinction of Friend or Foe, this distress'd our Army much for Provisions, and the Moravar absolutely refus'd to join our Interest, without he return'd to his Country.

A Considerable Force of the Moravar's is on the March to join us with some Pieces of Cannon; He has offer'd a free Passage through his Country, for any of the English Troops, whenever they want it. He has been of great Use to us with the Polligars, and is capable of being much more so. I am with the greatest Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Servant

Tinnevelly
26th. March 1755. Alex.r Heron.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Govern.r &c.a.
Committee of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I did myself the Honour of addressing you from this Place the 26th. Ult.o. Buckanjee Cassandas has deceiv'd me as to the Bill of Exchange, He since informs me

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that from the Confusions in the Country his correspondents in different Parts, have stopp'd all Negociations & that till he receives Answers from them, cannot draw for any Sums ; therefore as the most prudent Way to be assur'd of Payment for these Villages I got Mauphoos Cawn to put them in the Hands of the most considerable Merchants, who have given me promissary No[tes] for a Lack of Rupees payable in 20 Days, their Security is undoubtedly good, and I am well assur'd they will be punctual.

Mauphoos Cawn has also given an Obligation for 50000 Rupees which he is to pay the Company on the Nabob's Account in the above Time these Sums with the 82000 for Madura, are all I can expect to receive on the Villages Account ; what more must be from the Polligars, which I hope will turn out very considerable, I was oblig'd on the 2ᵈ. Instant to detach Capt. Beaver, 150 Europeans, 3 Pieces of Cannon, 300 Horse and 500 Sepoys to subdue one of the most Obstinate and powerfull among them, He has taken Possession of his principal Fort with little Loss, having only one European Killed & 3 slightly wounded, I hope this will have a good Effect in obliging the others to come in soon and settle their respective Accounts.

The Moravar Polligar has sent his Brother with 3000 Men & 200 Horse they are now within five Miles of us, they are very desirous of doing the English any Service in their Power & press us much to make a Settlement in their Country, I have sent down a Chart of the Sea Coast hereabouts and have mark'd the Place they offer ; you will judge whether or no the Place is convenient ; The Dutch can have no Pretence for an exclusive Trade, as the Chief of Toute Courin, lately declar'd to Mʳ. Fabry (who I had sent there) that the Dutch had no connection with any of the Moravar's Country. I ought not to omit the Civilities I have receiv'd from the above Gentleman, particulary in refusing to entertain in their Service some of our Deserters who went there and offer'd themselves to him ; you will observe by the Returns We have lost several, they are all swiss, and I believe most of them enter'd in the Travencore's Service.

One Moodalie a Native and the most considerable Merchant of this Place, has been of very great use to us, and given Information of every thing he knew relating to the late Government, and the Sums they collected, He says should you approve of making the Settlement in the Moravar's Country he would not only remove himself but would carry the Principal, and most substantial Merchants of this Country to settle there, & begin building Warehouses and other Conveniences immediately. He is determin'd to live no longer under the Protection of the Moors.

I have receiv'd the enclos'd Letter from Anjengo Copy of which I think necessary to send you also my Answer.

I enclose you general Returns of the Army ; and am with great Esteem Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Tinnevelly
4ᵗʰ. April 1755. ALEXᴿ. HERON.

TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ENGLISH FORCES AT OR NEAR TINNEVELLY.

Sir

The King of Travencore has just now inform'd us he has receiv'd certain Advice that you with the Forces under your Command have join'd Mahomed Ally's Army, & are advancing towards Tinnevelly a Frontier Town on his Majesty's Dominions : from whence he is apprehensive you have Designs of invading his Country, which he highly complains of as an open Violation of the Friendship and good Understanding that has so long subsisted between the Hoñble Company and him, and has demanded of us to represent the same to you ; which We now do in their Behalf, desiring in case you are arriv'd at Tinnevelly before the Receipt of this Letter ; you will immediately withdraw your Forces from thence, and commit no

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Hostilities in this King's Dominions, which may be attended with the worst Consequences to the Hoñble Company's Affairs at this Settlement, and for which in such Case we shall accordingly deem you answerable. We request your speedy Answer and are Sir Your loving Friends (Signd) GEORGE SCOTT—PETER ELWIN WRENCH —TITUS SCOTT.

Anjengo
24th· March 1755.

TO THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL OF ANJENGO.

Gentlemen

I have receiv'd your Letter of the 24th· of March I am much surpris'd you should be so little acquainted with this Country, as not to know that Tennevelly and the Polligars depending on it belong to the Nabob; I am come to this Place by Order of the Governour and Council of Madrass, to settle his Affairs here, and doubt not but I shall be able to compleat them to their Satisfaction as well as the Interest of the Company; I was well appris'd of the Friendship that subsisted between the English and the King of Travencore, I wrote him to that Effect immediately on my arrival here, and though he has taken several Villages and Forts absolutely the Property of Nabob Mahomed Ally; I did not intend to retake any of them least he might think it a violation of the good Harmony that has all along subsisted between the English and him; none of the Nabob's or our Troops have been near any part of his Country; but I must confess I think he has not acted in the most Friendly manner by giving Protection to Mahomed Cawn who had for five Years together usurp'd this Country from the Nabob and to our Deserters who have taken refuge in his Country, however as he has always been deem'd Faithfull to the English, I shall take particular Care our Troops commit no Acts of Hostility, on him or his Country; you may probably be also unacquainted that the King of Travencore is one of the Nabobs' Polligars & ows [*sic*] him considerable Sums of Money, which nothing but his strict Friendship with the English, prevents us from obliging him to Pay. I am Gentlemen &c^{a}

Tinnevelly
29th· March 1755.

ALEX^{R}· HERON.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}·
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}· OF FORT S^{T}· GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir

Your letter for the King I have had deliver'd to him, and thô I have by many frivolous Excuses been put off, for several Days from seeing him have communicated to Monojee the Contents of your Favour to me, they are extremely well pleas'd, at your disapprobation of Colonel Heron's Conduct, in regard to the Moravar, but will not hear a Syllable of their Troops being recall'd or Hostilities being discontinued, I endeavour'd by all the Arguments I could use, to persuade Monojee to it, but believe it has had no other Effect, than to hinder my having an Audience of the King, and even before your Letters arriv'd when by a Flag being sent there, and Letters from Col. Heron requiring them to withdraw their Troops, they expected We should assist the Moravar, they seem'd determin'd not to recede from their Resolutions but sent a Reinforcement of 300 Sepoys; and besides 250 Horse, and 300 Sepoys of Harrah Sing's already engag'd at very great Pay, are in Treaty with Dansing to come into their Service, and Monojee was also to have gone to take the Command himself.

Whatever their Pretensions may be to only a part of the Country, I believe their Views are for subjecting the whole, and am inform'd that an Agreement is made with a Brother of the Moravar's to have the Command of it, and who now commands the Army before Annamooty-Goodie a Fort on the Frontiers of the Moravar Country.

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As Monojee's Power is absolute, there is the less Reason to expect their giving up the Point, as he receiv'd some personal Affronts from the Morravar during his being out of Favour. Tondaman I believe will be always ready to join with them, he having on some Disgust withdrawn his Forces and left our Army when at Madura.

This Morning a Hircar of the King's brought News that the Mysore Army, were all march'd 8 Coase from Syringham, on hearing that Salabad Jung was march'd towards their Country.

Monojee has assur'd me that on their being put in Possession of the Country, they have a right to their Troops shall immediately march back. I am with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Tanjore
10th. April 1755.

ANDW. NEWTON.

The Committee are of Opinion that Major Heron in his Answer to the Chief and Factors at Anjengo has treated the King of Travencore with too little Regard for although by the Original Constitution of the Country the King of Travencore was only a Poligar tributary to Trichenopoly yet he is now grown so powerfull that it is most prudent to keep fair with him as well to prevent the hurt he might do to the Company's Affairs on the other Coast as in Consideration of the Weight he would add to the Nabob's Enemies in the Trichenopoly Country were he to be provok'd to enter into Alliance with them. The Rents Major Heron mentions to be expected (150,000 Rupees for Tinnevelly and 82,000 for Madura) will not defray the Expences of the Expedition if the Army remains any Time there Agreed therefore that the Orders for their immediate Return be again repeated which is thought the more necessary as by a Letter from Abdul Vahab Cawn We are advis'd of Salabad Jungs arrival with a large Army at Sirrah which is about ten Days march from Arcot.

The Moravar's Offer of a Settlement in his Country situated on the Sea Coast in Tutacareen Bay being taken into Consideration, the Committee are unanimously of Opinion that the advantages to be expected from such a Situation would never defray the Expence of making and supporting a Settlement at so great a Distance, it is therefore Resolv'd that Major Heron be directed to thank the Moravar for his Good Inclination and decline the Offer.

Receiv'd a Letter from the Governour of Negapatam to the President of which the following is a Translation.

Madrasspatnam

To the Hoñble Geo. Pigot Esqr. Presdt. & Govr. of
Fort St. George and the Coast of Choromandel &ca. &ca.
on behalf of the Rt. Hoñble the Royal English East India Company.

Hoñble Sir & Worthy Friend

With your agreeable Letter of the 1st. Instant I have receiv'd the two written Articles of an Agreement or Cartel concerning the reciprocal Exchange of our Deserters, in like manner as you intimate you have concluded one with the French and to which I consent, and therefore agreeable to your desire a Translation thereof into Dutch being added in the Margin of one of the said written Articles and sign'd by me is herewith sent you enclos'd that the Contents thereof may be duly and, fullfill'd, and the other Original thereof shall be kept here to the same end. The Chiefs of Sadrass and Porto Novo are by this Opportunity directed to return you the English Deserters that may be with them, and I leave to your Discretion to send back the two Dutch Deserters who are with you.

I remain with Esteem
Hoñble Sir & Worthy Friend
Your most faithfull Friend
and obedient Servant

Negapatam
in the Castle
12th. April 1755.

STEPHEN VERMONT.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1755.*— — [21st.]

The Articles of the Cartel having been communicated to the Council and approv'd are order'd to be enterd after these Minutes.

A Letter from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 74 read complaining that the French Troops have lately taken Possession of some Villages belonging to the Jagueer of Peremood Gadah and extorted a Sum of Money from the Killedar who is in the Nabob's Obedience and was so at the Time of the Suspension.

Agreed that a Representation be made to Mr. De Leyrit of this Breach of the Treaty and Restitution demanded of the Villages and Money.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A. WYNCH.
WILL.M. PERCEVAL.

Articles of an Agreement or Cartel concluded and settled between us Stephen Vermont Esqr. Governour and Director of all the Affairs of the Netherlands East India Company on the Coasts of Choromandel & Orixa &c.a. and the Council of Negapatam; and George Pigot Esqr. President for the English East India Company on the Coasts of Choromandel and Orixa Governour of Fort St. George &c.a.

Art. 1st.

All Officers Soldiers or Sailors that shall desert from the Service of either of the two Nations, Dutch and English, shall be reciprocally return'd to the Nation from whose Service they came, on Condition that Pardon be granted them in so full and ample a manner, that they shall not be liable to any kind of Molestation on Account of their Desertion.

Art. 2d.

As soon as any Deserters shall arrive in any Place in the Possession of either Nation Dutch or English Notice shall be mutually given to the Governour of the other Nation, that the said Deserters may be demanded in Consequence of the present Agreement.

Done at Fort St. George the first Day of April, one Thousand seven hundred and fifty-five.

Sent the following letter to Major Heron agreeable to yesterday's Resolutions. [22d.]

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE COMPYS FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 26th. March and 4th. April and now enclose Duplicates of our three Last dated 26th. March and 3d. & 6th. April; We desire you will hereafter Number all your Letters that We may know whether any of them miscarry and be particular in mentioning the Receipt of all ours. No. 1.

If the Originals of our three abovemention'd Letters have reach'd you we doubt not but you are already on your return to Trichinopoly, if not We direct that you march immediately on the Receipt of this; the Thousand Sepoys which you are to leave will be sufficient to secure the Possession to the Nabob and We shall settle with him the Share of the Revenues to be receiv'd by the Company; for although the Presence of the Army might more effectually secure the Payment of the Rents yet We are very sorry to find that the Sums you mention of 150,000 Rupees for the Tinnevelly Rents and 82,000 for the Madura will not defray the Charges of the Expedition, which will be considerably increas'd by every Day's Stay of the Army.

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Although the Moravar may have been of some Use to you in the Expedition, yet his Alliance is not to be put in the Scale against that of the King of Tanjore and Tondaman, especially when it is consider'd that the First has been a constant Enemy of the Nabobs and the other two his firm Friends during the whole time of the War, we therefore strictly enforce the Orders on this Head contain'd in our Letter of the 26th March. If you can prevail on the Moravar to restore to the Nabob and the King of Tanjore all the Countries he took from them during the late Troubles and then to enter into the General Alliance it will be a useful Work and We shall gladly be his Friends on that Footing. We are of Opinion that a Settlement in the Morravar's Country would never pay it's own Expence nor can We afford Troops to Garrison it, you will therefore thank him for his good Inclinations and think no more of it.

Your Answer to the Letter wrote you by the Chief and Factors at Anjengo is not consistent in all its points with the Regard we would have you shew to the King of Travencore. We do not look upon him in the Light of a Polygar of the Nabobs but as a Prince quite independant; it matters not whether by Right or by encrease of Power; The Consequences of this Enmity or Friendship to the Company will be the same, and We are therefore very glad to observe that you have been cautious to give him no Reason to complain of any Insults from our Troops.

We have settled a Cartel with the Dutch on the same Terms as that with the French, of which you have a Copy; therefore if any of your Men have or shall in future desert to their Settlements you must send and demand them promising Pardon in our Name: In the same manuer if any of their Men come to you, send Advice to the nearest Dutch Settlement and restore them upon a Promise of Pardon from the Chief of such Settlement.

The Dalloway is mov'd from Syringham with all the Mysore Troops; It will be necessary that you procure good Intelligence of his Motions as his Designs are uncertain. We have Accounts also of Salabad Jungs arrival at Sirrah which is but a few Days march from this Province These Circumstances induce us more and more to hasten your March back with the Army. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT. STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENY. POWNEY. ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
22d. April 1755.

[23D.] Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit of this Date agreeable to Resolution of the 21st. enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 48.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

THURSDAY THE 24TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The following Letter from Major Heron read.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR. &CA. COMMITTEE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Since I did myself the Honour of addressing you last, nothing extraordinary has occurr'd; The Polligars hitherto have been very remiss in not sending their

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Vakeels and settling their Accounts, and I am afraid should I march an European Force against them, they would abandon their Villages and take to the Mountains, with their Effects, where it would be impossible to come at them; Mauphoos Cawn has propos'd the sending his Horse and 500 of our Sepoys, and endeavour by fair Means to bring them to an Accomodation; I have agreed to this Proposal, and shall send them to morrow; Capt Lee, the Nabob's Buxy and Moodalie (who I mention'd in my last as a very considerable Person, & who had been of great Service to us) are to go with them; The Morravar will also send 500 of his People, He has great Sway among the different Polligars, and I am convinc'd will do every Thing in his Power to promote the Nabob's Interest, he has already brought over the Pullitavre a very considerable one, & who We expected the greatest Opposition from.

In consequence of bringing over the above Man to the Nabob's Interest I found out a piece of Treachery of Tondaman's, he has wrote several Letters to him, desiring he would collect what Force he could among the different Polligars, and join Myana, after which they were jointly to attack us, and give all the Opposition they possibly could to the settling the Nabob's Affairs; this Man also says he wrote several Letters to Myana to the same purpose, promising all the Assistance in his Power.

Monojee I am inform'd was concern'd in the above Affair, and that he wrote several Letters to Myana, and receiv'd considerable Presents, in consequence of which, he promis'd to put him in Possession of Madura again, in a very short Time. I am with great Esteem Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Tinnevelly ALEXR. HERON.
11th. April 1755.

P.S. Since writing the above the Buxy informs me, the above Advice in regard to Tondiman & Monajee has been confirm'd to Mauphis Cawn, the Method they propose now is to endeavour by means of the Moravar (who I am certain will do every thing in his Power to effect it) to take Myana Prisoner, the other Brother Moodimya will come in on having a Cowle sent him the Nabob proposes sending them to Arcot; The King of Travencore will send his Vakeel & promises strict Friendship with the Nabob, after this is settled, he & the Morravar will be a sufficient Check on any of the Nabob's Enemies, who may hereafter attempt to disturb him in the peaceable possession of these Countries.

A. H.

The Resolutions already taken and the Orders sent in Consequence on the Subject of Major Heron's Connections with the Morravar will it is to be hop'd prevent the execution of any Schemes that may be contriving to our Prejudice between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman, otherwise it will be in their Power to harrass the Army very much on its return.

That no Care may be wanting on our part to prevent such a Misfortune and bring back the King of Tanjore and Tondaman to our Interest, It is Agreed

That a Duplicate of the Orders sent Major Heron the 22d. be now dispatch'd with still stronger Injunctions to dismiss the Morravar Vakeel, and return with the Army to Trichenopoly.

That Captain Caillaud be acquainted with the Discovery mention'd by Major Heron of a Secret Design forming between Monojee & Tondaman, and directed to assure the King of Tanjore over again of our disapprobation of the Steps lately taken letting him know at the same time that if he suffers Monogee to engage in any Enterprise to our Prejudice, We shall look upon him as the first Violator of our Friendship; And

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That Answers be immediately dispatch'd to the Letters (N°. 76 & 77 in the Country Correspondence) lately receiv'd from the King of Tanjore & Monogee repeating the same Assurances and again advising them not to attack the Morravars Country during the Truce.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Major Killpatrick (or Capt. Caillaud) commanding at Trichenopoly, agreeable to this day's Resolutions.

No. 2.

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE COMPYS FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

Sir

We have just receiv'd your Letter of the 11th. we are extremely concern'd to find that ours of the 26th. March had not then reach'd you and that you was still in strict Friendship with the Moravar to the great Disgust of the King of Tanjore and Tondaman; You was told in the General Instructions given you at your Departure that the King of Tanjore was our Ally, that you was carefully to preserve his Friendship and consult with him on all Occasions; in direct opposition to this Order you have made Friends with his Enemy and you cannot be surpris'd after such a Step that he is taking Measures with Myana to oppose you. You seem to make light of this Discovery and not to think of altering your Measures; We are on the Contrary under the greatest Concern, not only because we value the Friendship of the King of Tanjore above that of all the Polligars in the Country, but also because we are very apprehensive that if our former Orders have not had their immediate Effect & produc'd a Reconciliation with the King of Tanjore and Tondaman you will find Obstacles on your Return more than you seem to foresee. The Moravar, the King of Travencore & all the Polligars do but amuse you to serve their own Ends, and should they see a powerfull Opposition against you they will withdraw the little Assistance they are able to give you.

These are our Apprehensions, which we hope however will be remov'd by the punctual Execution of our former Orders; If by any Accident their Arrival or Execution should have been delay'd we now again positively enjoin you to send away the Moravar Vakeel to acquaint his Master that you will enter into no Terms with him untill he has restor'd the Countries he took during the Troubles, as well from the King of Tanjore as the Nabob, to leave a thousand Sepoys with Mauphoos Cawn and delay not a Minute to march with the Army for Trichenopoly.

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our Letter of the 22d. Instant. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT. STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME ALEXANDER WYNCH. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
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To MAJOR KILLPATRICK COMMANDING AT TRICHENOPOLY IN CASE OF HIS ABSENCE TO CAPTAIN JOHN CAILLAUD.

Sir

No. 1.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 3d. 5th. 6th. 9th. 10th. & 14th Instt. we desire you will henceforward number all your Letters as We shall ours that it may be known if any miscarry and you will be particular in mentioning the Receipt of of all from us.

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We are glad the Mysore Army is mov'd from your Neighbourhood; as their Designs are uncertain we desire you will keep Hircara's to bring you Intelligence of their Motions and acquaint Col. Heron constantly with the News you receive concerning them.

We find that Col. Heron is still in close Friendship with the Moravar which has disgusted the King of Tanjore and Tondaman so much that there is Reason to apprehend they are forming Designs against us; for your better Information we send you a Copy of a Letter we have just receiv'd from Col. Heron, and the Duplicate of our Answer under a flying Seal for your Perusal, after which you will forward it in the quickest manner possible. We furnish you with these Lights, that you may be the better enabled to assure the King of Tanjore and Tondaman, that the Steps they are disgusted at are taken absolutely against our Intentions. Acquaint the former of the Information we have receiv'd concerning Monagee's Designs, and as We have so carefully maintain'd the Friendship between us, and sent such positive Orders in his favour, that he will be the first Violator of our Alliance if he does not immediately give Orders to Monogee to assist our Army if there should be occasion, instead of opposing them.

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE —HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXANDER WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
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Receiv'd the following Letter from Capt. Caillaud. 26TH.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Govern^r. & President &c^a. Committee of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I arriv'd here the 16th. Instant, and could not get an Audience till the 18th. No. 1. I am sorry to acquaint you Gentlemen that I have found an Obstinacy at this Court, in pursuing the Measures they have begun, which I could not remove.

After having deliver'd my Credentials, I endeavour'd to convince the King, that the Protection given to the Moravar Polligar, was without our Knowledge or participation; & that he might depend, we would never give our Consent to the Nabob's making a seperate Peace with him or any Body else without considering his Interests, and concerns; that what happen'd before relating to the Protection, was done by the mistake of a Stranger, who was not yet acquainted with the different Interests of the Country Powers. But that Mistake was now rectified, by the Orders which has been sent him. and I hopd as a Proof that they were convinc'd of our good Intentions, they would now recall their Troops, which were acting against the Moravar, and of Consequence breaking the Truce.

'T was answer'd by their saying They thought it hard while We were helping the Nabob, to punish the Polligars of Madura and Tinnevelly (and that they look'd on the Morravar in the same Light;) that We should hinder them from their own Country, from one who had been a Publick and open Enemy to them, the Nabob & Us the whole War; that seeing we were making the other Country Polligars submit they thought they had also a Right to make the Morravar restore the Country he had taken from them; they therefore had sent a Force to recover their former Possessions, they were now fighting for them, and till they had recover'd their own they could not recall their Troops.

To this I answer'd that our attacking the Madura and Tenevelly Polligars was of a different Nature, they were not own'd as Allies by the French or Mysoreans therefore We punish'd them as Rebells to the Nabob only: But that the Morravar was an Ally to those Powers, and attacking him was a Breach of the Truce, the Consequences of which he well knew that if we were applied to for to punish any of the

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Powers that broke it, how could We refuse joining, and obliging him to do at last by Force, what We only ask'd now as a Favour. That the King might I thought depend on our Words, that no Peace should be settled without our making that Polligar restore whatever he had taken; and that further I could venture to promise him, (so good was our Intention towards him;) that if we were sure the French would not own the Morravar as an Ally we would not only consent to his recovering his Right immediately but assist him in doing it.

All the Reply I could get was they own'd they were in the Fault for fighting, and having sent Troops but since they had done it they could not withdraw them without losing their Honour and Name. But on our Accounts could We manage so as to have their Country restor'd was all they ask'd, and then they would desist from any more military Operations against Him. That they were certain the French would not own the Morravar as an Ally, for to their Knowledge the Letter he had receiv'd from them when he applied for their Mediation was; that they would have Nothing to say to him. That also should the French apply to us for reparation that We might let them know; what the King of Tanjore was doing now, was not so much a Breach of the Treaty as the Dalloway's taking Terriore since the Truce, and we took no Notice of that, to which I answer'd we had not been applied to, or We should.

I concluded by telling him I was sorry he doubted so much our Word, as not to be certain that the first fair and just Opportunity we could get of having his Right restor'd, we would not make use of it. That I had done my Duty in telling him the Consequence of not making his Troops desist, should the French apply to us according to the Truce, which he knew and had agreed to. This ended the Conference, and I took my Leave. Monagee having desir'd me to come to him next Morning.

I waited on him accordingly, and met there the Morravar Vakeels having ask'd them by what Right their Master detain'd some Country from the King of Tanjore which had been given him by the Nabob and their Consent? their Answers were as bad as the Cause they supported; and to cut Short I ask'd them if their Master own'd the Nabob to be his Prince, and if they would obey his Orders? They answer'd in the Affirmative. I then ask'd if they could and would promise in their Master's Name, that he would acquiesce to the Nabob's decision in the Affair? they said that he would, and what he had done now he thought he had a Right to, from our Protection; I made them sensible that ['twas] an Error, and that we would never be their Master's Friend, [untill] he had restor'd the King of Tanjore his own, as well as paying Obedience, & Tribute to the Nabob as their Prince and Mast[er.] They again promis'd to agree to whatever the Nabob should [order.] Monagee was contented, and till they see how the Moravar [will] act in Consequence of the Nabob's Order, Hostililities [*sic*] are to [cease.] I shall set out this Evening for Trichenopoly and hope to find the Nabob ready to send his Immediate Orders and Directions.

Was not the King of Tanjore so necessary to us on Account of Trichenopoly, I should have been less sollicitous to compromise Matters, and have dwelt more peremptorily on his ordering his Troops to retire in Consequence of the Truce. I hope Gentlemen in what I have done you will not think I have gone too far, but acted to the best of my Knowledge, and Capacity for your Honour and Interest.

A Vakeel of the King of Tanjore's is arriv'd here from the Nana, & Salabad Jung's Army he left them near Syringapatam, the Mysore Capital. Mr. Bussy 500 French & 4000 Sepoys are with them. The Army consists besides of Country Troops 60,000 Horse, & 300 Europeans in the Nana's Service. They talk of marching this way, and so to Arcot to collect Tribute.

The Dalloway as I suppose you are inform'd Gentlemen, has left Syringham, partly it is thought on Account of the Nana's approach, and also a Report that his Brother is dead. before he went he mortgag'd to the French some * Countries about Trichenopoly, he had in Possession before the Truce. The Countries are mention'd in the Margin.

* The Countries are Lalgoudy Courtallum Moussery Pitchunda Coil Humbely.

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Permit me Gentlemen in this first Letter I have the Honour to address you on publick Business to return my sincere Thanks and Acknowledgements for the Honour you have done me. I hope by my Behaviour to merit your Approbation, & a continuance of your Favour and Protection. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithfull Servant

Tanjore
the 19th. April 1755. J. CAILLAUD.

P.S. As I thought my Presence at Trichenopoly with the Nabob requisite I have taken the Liberty to defer my Journey to Tondaman.

The foregoing Letter having been communicated to the Gentlemen of the Committee and Capt. Caillaud's Proceedings unanimously approv'd the following Answer was wrote and sent.

To CAPT. JOHN CAILLAUD COMMANDING AT TRICHENOPOLY.

Sir

Since We wrote you the 24th. we have receiv'd your Letter from Tanjore dated the 19th. No. 2.

Your meeting with the Morravar Vakeels and having an Opportunity of declaring to their Face in presence of Mongee that we disapprov'd of the Protection granted their Master by Col. Heron was a lucky Circumstance and must tend much to convince the King of our Sincerity. You treated the whole Subject very properly and We shall be glad to hear that the Nabob's Orders to the Morravar have prevented any further Acts of Hostility of the Tanjore Army, for if We should be applied to by the French to oppose this Breach of the Truce We know not how We can avoid taking part against him. The Toriore Country was taken by the Dalloway long before the Suspension and never recover'd therefore we had no Right to dispute about it nor can We make any use of that Argument.

We have now wrote to the King of Tanjore and Monagee that above all things the Articles of the Truce must be observ'd, that therefore it will be best to endeavour to make an Agreement between them, the Nabob Yourself and the Morravar by which this last shall engage to restore the Countries he has taken under Promise of Protection from the other Parties in the Possession of the Rest of his Dominions and that if he, (the Morravar) will not consent to this we shall enter into no Terms at all with him & take the first good & lawful Opportunity of joining the King and retaking the Countries he claims.

Use your Endeavours to bring such an Agreement to bear, It will at the same time put an End to the Dispute and add a Power to the general Alliance. Let the Moravar know that sooner or later he must restore those Countries and that he had better make use of the Opportunity of securing the Rest of his Possessions; If he will not agree, warn the Nabob not to come to any Terms with him and try to persuade the King of Tanjore to let Things remain as they are for the short Time of the Truce.

Our last Advices concerning Salabad Jung agree with yours: Should his Army come near Trichenopoly and commit any Hostilities in the Nabob's Possessions you must complain to Mr. Bussy of the Breach of the Treaty but keep close to your Fort and let none of them enter on any Pretence. The Store of Provisions for your Garrison is not encreas'd much of late; endeavour to compleat it as fast as possible. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXANDER WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

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MONDAY THE 28TH. AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE HENY. POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

As it may be expected the Admiral will shortly arrive at Fort St. David, Order'd that a Letter be wrote and lodg'd at that Place in readiness for him; advising of Salabad Jung's Arrival in the Mysore Country and the Removal of the Mysoreans from before Trichenopoly, which are the only material Occurrences that have happen'd since his Departure. and

It being yet uncertain what Measures may have been taken by the two Companies in Europe, the Committee judge that it would be most prudent for the Fleet to remain at St. David, a Windward Port both to Madrass and Pondichery, untill the Receipt of our expected Advices. It is therefore Agreed to reccommend it to Mr. Watson as our Opinion.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

[29TH.] Sent the following Letter to Admiral Watson, agreeable to yesterday's Resolution, under Cover to Richard Starke Esqr. to be deliver'd on his Arrival at Fort St. David.

TO CHARLES WATSON ESQR. REAR ADMIRAL OF THE BLUE COMMANDR. IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA AND OF THE MARINE FORCES OF THE EAST INDIA COMPY.

Sir

Since your Departure We have receiv'd a Letter from the Govern^r. and Council of Bombay expressing a Desire of seeing you with his Majesty's Squadron on that Coast; In Answer to which We wrote them We believ'd you thought it necessary to stay here untill you receiv'd Advices from Europe.

We have within these few Days heard that Salabad Jung with a Party of French commanded by Mr. Bussy have enter'd the Mysore Country, and We have the Pleasure to acquaind [*sic*] you that the Mysore Army which has laid so long at Syringham has decamp'd and march'd towards their own Country giving over as We suppose all hopes of Trichenopoly.

We are at present in the same peaceable Situation as when you left us; whether the presence of Salabad Jung should he move nearer to us, may cause any Alteration in Affairs is uncertain.

Neither We nor the French have yet receiv'd any Advices from Europe; as We think it most probable our expected shipping will be order'd to call at Fort St. David being the windward Port; should it be agreeable to you to remain there with the Squadron 'till their Arrival you will be able to judge by the Advices from thence which will be the most convenient Station. We are Sir Your most Obedient humble Servants GEO. PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXANDER WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
29th. April 1755.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755.*—— [3D]

His Majesty's Sloop King's Fisher intending to sail in a Day or two for Fort St. David It was agreed to request of Capt. Harrison to carry down the thirty six French Prisoners remaining here and the following Letter wrote him accordingly by the President.

To JOHN HARRISON ESQR. COMMANDER OF HIS MAJESTY'S SLOOP KING'S FISHER.

Sir

Having thirty six French Prisoners here which the Bridgewater could not conveniently take in, as they were not thoroughly recover'd at the Time of her Departure, I shall be much oblig'd to you if you can give them a Passage to Fort St. David. I am Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
3d. May 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

Receiv'd the following Answer from Capt. Harrison.

To THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

Sir

I have receiv'd your Favour of this Days Date desiring a Passage for thirty six French Prisoners to Fort St. David: you will please to give Directions for their being sent on Board, & I will send Orders to the commanding Officer to receive them. I am Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
3d. May 1755.

JOHN HARRISON.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 30th. April with four Papers inclos'd relating to the Propriety of the Contested Districts End. in the French Correspondence No. 49. 4TH.

The French Prisoners having been sent on board the King's Fisher Sloop, the following Letter was wrote Mr. Starke to accompany them. 5TH.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR. OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

Capt. Harrison has been so obliging as to give a Passage to the French Prisoners remaining here in number Thirty Six; Let Boats be sent for them as soon as the Sloop arrives and lodge them with the Rest.

Please to deliver the inclos'd to Capt. Ziegler who has Leave to return to Camp and acquaint Lieut. Merryman that he may come up to Madrass according to his Request. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
5th May 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

AT A COMMITTEE.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT
STRING. LAWRENCE HENY. POCOCK
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

MONDAY THE 5TH. [MAY]

Mr. De Leyrits Letter of the 30th. April with the four Papers inclos'd, are now read and taken into Consideration. He gives us plainly to understand that he is resolv'd to quit Nothing of what he now possesses, although his Answers to the

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Proofs sent him on the part of the Nabob are full of Evasion & Contradiction; Were only the Justice of our Demand to be consider'd we are persuaded that all the World would justifie any Measures we might take to right Ourselves, but the Situation of Affairs should be first well weigh'd, and whether the Object in Dispute is of sufficient Consequence to engage us to give the French an Opportunity of breaking the Truce. It is not improbable but that their Design is to bring on a Rupture knowing that our Army is at a great Distance, and Salabad Jung within a few Day's March of the Province; At the same Time we are quite Ignorant of the Force to be expected on both Sides from Europe, and of the Intentions of our Honble Masters; It is therefore Agreed to defer coming to any Resolution or giving any Answer to this Letter of Mr. De Leyrit's untill the Receipt of Advices from England, by which Time also the Troops will be return'd from their present Expedition, and We shall have a certain Account of Salabad Jung's Designs. It is Resolv'd however now to enter our Remarks on Mr. De Leyrit's Answers to the 6 Proofs sent him in the President's Letter of the 15th. Aprii as follow

No. 1, 2 & 3 Extracts of Letters from the French Commissaries to the English acknowledging the Nabobs Right to certain Villages in the Carangoly Pergana, although the French Amuldar order'd Talasana Naigue the 21st. October 1754 to seize all the Villages of the Carangoly Pergana.

ANSWER. That He (Mr. De Leyrit) als [*sic*] acknowledges the Nabob's Right to those Villages; That the French Amuldar's Letter to Talasana Naigue was feign'd in order to deter the Troops of Mirza Amean Beg from committing further Ravages.

REMARK.

The Consequence of these feign'd Orders were as Mr. De Leyrit himself Confesses in his Letter of the 4th. April, the retaking of some Villages therein alledg'd to have been taken from the French by Mirza Amean Beg after the Suspension. In his Letter of the 30th. April he says the Troops of Mirza Amean Beg were more Intent on Plunder than Conquest, and that after ruining the Country they quitted the Possession. Here is an evident Contradiction the Letter of the 4th. April asserts that Mirza Amean Beg took 59 Villages; that he kept possession of them & that some of them were retaken; The Letter of the 30th. of the same Month alledges that he only ravag'd the Country, for which Reason Mr. Godeheu did not complain of the taking of any of his Villages.

No. 4. the Declaration on Oath of Sawmyah setting forth that he did by Order from Pondicherry hoist the French Colours on six Villages belonging to the Nabob between the 31st. October & 12th Novr. 1754.

ANSWER That Sawmyah left their Service in Disgrace & therefore his Evidence cannot be admitted against him.

REMARK. A Deposition on Oath is surely of itself sufficient to outweigh so light an Argument, but this Deposition is confirm'd beyond all Doubt by the Connection it has with the French Amuldar's Letter to Talasana Naigue wherein this very Sawmyah is expressly by them appointed to assist in seizing the Villages of the Carangoly Pergana for the French.

No. 5. The Declaration on Oath of Annachey Pilla setting forth that he was carried forcibly from his Village of Madarantegum, where his Accounts (some of which belong'd to the Nabob) were taken from him in presence of the French Commissaries in their own Tent and refus'd to be restor'd.

ANSWER'D by a Deposition of Mr. Flacourt who asserts that Annachey Pilla came of his own free Will at the Request of the French Amuldar, and that he lodg'd his Accounts voluntarily with the French Commissaries.

REMARK. There does not appear any Reason that could induce Annachey Pilla to be at the Expence of a Journey to Madrass, where he has no kind of Connection, except the Hopes of recovering his Accounts by our Interposition, and he now again declares that every Thing contain'd in his Deposition is true.

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N°. 6 The Deposition of two Bramins of Cadapery Pagoda who were forc'd by the French Amuldar to sign a Paper without having the Liberty to read it.

ANSWER'D by a Declaration of several Bramins and Pandarums of the same Pagoda setting forth that the French Amuldar's Unkle built the Pagoda, maintain'd it well, and that He (the Amuldar) has always kept it in the same good Order.

REMARK. The Silence of this Answer on the very Point of Complaint (the extortion of Certificates) is enough to certifie the Truth of y^e^. Bramins Deposition.

Letter from Capt. Ziegler at Fort S^t^. David Read, requesting as he is pretty well recover'd that he may have Leave to return to Camp, which Request is granted.

Letter from Capt. Howes at Arcot read, representing the ruinous Condition of the Fortifications at that Place, and the Backwardness of Abdul Vahab Cawn in making the Repairs.

The President is thereupon desir'd to represent to Abdul Vahab Cawn in the strongest Terms the Necessity of putting the fort of Arcot in a State of Defence, and to insist on his setting about it immediately.

Letter from SanawasaChery Renter of Tripoty read inclosing a Bill for (2940) Two Thousand nine hundred & forty Pagodas, which he writes is for the Ball^ce^. of the Decem^r^. or Second Kist. The Bill is deliver'd to the Commissary to demand Payment and

Order'd that the Secretary do examine the Account of the said Kist and lay it before the Committee.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R^. WYNCH
WILL^M^ : PERCEVAL

Receiv'd a Letter from M^r^. De Leyrit to the President dated 8^th^. Inst^t^. as enter'd in the French Correspondence N°. 50. [11TH.]

AT A COMMITTEE TUESDAY THE 13TH.

Present.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^. GOVERN^R^. PRESIDENT
STRING^R^. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEX^R^. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The President lays before the Committee a Letter he has this Instant receiv'd from Captain Gauppe at Changalapet which is read as follows with a Letter from the Killedar of Chettapet ent^d^. in the Country Correspondence N°. 92.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^.

Hoñble Sir

I have just now receiv'd Intelligence that about 500 french Peons marching from Gingee have lodg'd themselves in a little Pagoda upon a Rock about 5 Miles from Chettapet and are taking Possession of the Villages belonging to the Fort. The Serjent their [*sic*] writes me that he himself went there with some Sepoys to see what they wanted, that they did not offer any Force to him, but said that all the Villages thereabout belong'd to Hoosain Ally Cawn, and that they by Orders from his Brother were come to take Possession hereof. I have the Honour to be with due Respect Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Chingalapet
12^th^. May 1755.

GEORGE FRED^K^. GAUPP.

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Whatever Name the Peons mention'd in the foregoing Letter may take, the Committee are of Opinion that they have been sent with the Knowledge of the French to raise a Disturbance in the Chettapet Districts, from which they hope to benefit, if not by getting Possession themselves, at least by making them unprofitable to the Nabob. It is therefore Agreed to write to Mr. De Leyrit to insist on his ordering them to retreat immediately and that Directions be sent to Capt. Gaupp to hold a Party in readiness to march to the Assistance of the Killedar if he should find by his Intelligence that the Fort is in any danger.

The Tripoty Account Current of the December (or Second) Kist having been examin'd and found right, the Ballance of Pagodas Ninety Six, ten Fanams and twenty Cash (96.10.20) due to ye Renter is Order'd to be carried to his Credit in the Account of the June (or third) Kist.

Capt. Gauppe advises in another Letter to the President that six French Deserters from Trinomely arriv'd lately at Chettapet, and that the Killedar has taken them into his Service: The Committee being of Opinion that they would rather endanger than strengthen the Fort, it is Agreed to write the Killedar to send them to Madrass that they may be deliver'd upon Promise of Pardon, and that Mr. De Leyrit be desir'd to Act in the same manner on any like Occasion, which will be a Means to prevent Europeans entering into the Service of the Moors.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit agreeable to this Morning's Resolution. Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 51.

TUESDAY THE 20TH.

AT A COMMITTEE

*Pres*t.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVR.	PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The following Letters receiv'd since last meeting are now read.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT
& GOVR. &CA COMMITTEE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Gentlemen

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you I arriv'd here last Evening with all the Ships of my Squadron, and this Morning was favour'd with your Letter of the 29th. April, acquainting me that the Governour and Council of Bombay had express'd a Desire of seeing his Majesty's Squadron under my Command on the Malabar Coast. I have also receiv'd a Letter from Mr Bourchier on the same Subject; therefore if the Affairs on this Coast should remain in the same peaceable Situation they are in at present, I shall certainly return there as soon as possible, as I conclude my presence on this Coast cannot be so immediately necessary, as on the other, but however, 'till I receive fresh Instructions from England I shall not think of quitting this part of India; and as I concur with You in Opinion that this is the most convenient Station at this Juncture, I shall remain here agreeable to your Request 'till the Arrival of a Ship from Europe.

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——*FORT S^T. GEORGE, MAY 1755*—— [20^TH.]

I am much oblig'd to you for the little News you give me of your Affairs in the Country, and hope every Thing may be conducted there agreeable to your Satisfaction. I am Gentlemen Your most Obedient humble Servant CHA^S. WATSON.

From Major Killpatrick at Trichenopoly.

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs No. 1.

I was yesterday honour'd with your Letter of the 24^th. number One, and instantly forwarded the Packet for Col. Heron as also after having perus'd them the Duplicate of his Instructions. Thô I was till now entirely ignorant of their Contents, yet have I ventur'd to assure both the King of Tanjore's Vakeel and Tondaman, whose Diffidence of the Nabob (whom they both exceedingly blamed) caus'd them frequently to apply to me, That I was certain our President & Council would never permit, and much less order their Protection to be given to any one who had committed Hostilities against or was any ways obnoxious to such firm Allies, as they had both prov'd themselves in the most dangerous and troublesome Times, to confirm them the more fully in this Opinion now, Captain Caillaud and I have judg'd it necessary that he should go, both to the King of Tanjore and Tondaman, at once to assure them of your good Intentions and inforce to them the Contents of your Letters, I upon the first Removal of the Mysore Dalloway from hence entertain'd the same Suspicion of his Intentions with You Gentlemen and have ever since kept a watchful Eye on all his Motions, of which I constantly advis'd Col. Heron, and have been ever in readiness on the least Alarm to follow him with a strong Detachment from this Garrison, which might be very well spar'd: but from the best Accounts I think I can venture to assure you, you need not be under any Apprehensions from that Quarter. I enclose you the Accounts of this Garrison for last Month, the Returns I shall have the Pleasure of delivering You myself & had set out from hence, E'er now but for an Inflamation which fell suddenly on my Leg, it is now much abated and on Capt. Caillauds Return I shall hasten to Madrass. I have the Hon^r. to remain with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trichenopoly JA^S. KILLPATRICK.
4^th. May 1755.

Capt. Howes writes from Arcot that the President's Letter to Abdul Vahab Cawn has had the desir'd Effect, that he has promis'd to advance twelve Thousand Rupees for the Repairs of the Fort, half of which He (Cap^t. Howes) has got a Note for in consequence of which he shall set the People immediately to work.

Capt. Gaupp advises that he has dispatch'd Hircara's to all the Villages of the Chettapet Districts to bring him Intelligence of the Motions of the Peons that have lately lodg'd themselves there.

Hircara's from Salabad Jung's Camp at Syringapatam the Capital of the Mysore Country bring an Account that as soon as he has accommodated with the King of Mysore, his Design is to return to the Northward, either to Golcondah or Aurangabad, that M^r. Bussy had endeavourd to persuade him to enter the Arcot Country, but Shawnavaz Cawn, the Vizier or Prime Minister prevented it by representing to him that Anaverde Cawn the Nabob had long preserv'd this Country without any Assistance and that he was a Friend to the Circar.

The Committee cannot but remark on this Occasion how little Regard M^r. Bussy would willingly have paid to the Truce concluded by his Superiours.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
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[25TH.] ——— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755.* ———

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 22d. Instant as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 52.

TUESDAY THE 27TH.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President No. 52 read; As he disclaims any Connection or Concern in the Peons that lodg'd themselves lately near Chettapet, It is agreed to send a Reinforcement of twelve Men to Serjent Rose who commands there under the Killedar, and to write to the Killedar to drive them out of his Districts and at all Times to oppose whoever shall come to disturb them without waiting for Advices from hence; This being conformable to the Terms of the Truce.

The Proposal made by the English Commissaries to the French for fixing the Share of the Grain due to the Inhabitants in the contested Districts by Depositions to be deliver'd to the petty Amuldars in every Village, being accepted by Mr. De Leyrit with this Addition "That the Cawnquoys & Dashemookies, who are neuter Persons and keep the Accounts of the Inhabitants, shall be taken for Witnesses of our Operations." It is Agreed to dispatch Orders to our Commissaries to proceed immediately to the distribution on the Plan so settled, but with Regard to the Remainder which is to belong either to the Nabob or the French according as the Right shall be prov'd, The Committee are of Opinion that the safest way of disposing of it and the least liable to future Disputes will be to lodge one half in Madrass and the other in Pondicherry, the two Companies reciprocally promising to be accountable for the amount to whichever shall be prov'd to have the Right, and it is Agreed accordingly to propose this Method to Mr. De Leyrit. As to his Complaint of Damages sustain'd by the Ravages of the Polligars and Colleries about Syringham, It is well known that neither the Polligars nor Colleries were ever Subject or allied to the English. It is therefore Agreed to tell him that he is at Liberty to take his own Satisfaction.

Since last meeting receiv'd the following Letters

From Capt. Caillaud.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR.
& PRESIDENT, &CA. GENTLEMN. OF THE COMMITTEE AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to the last Letter I had the Honour of writing to you Gentlemen, from Tanjore No. 1 dated the 19th. of April. I proceeded to Trichenopoly. and in consequence of the Agreement made between Monagee, & the Morravar Vakeels, To abide by the Nabob's decision; He sent his immediate Orders to the Morravar to restore the Countries in dispute. I also wrote to enforce it, by assuring him he must not expect Friendship, or Protection from us, untill he had restor'd the King his Right.

While we were waiting for an Answer Accounts came to the Nabob, that Monagee was preparing to set out at the Head of some Troops to reinforce those already sent before Anamootygoody, the Name of the Fort they are besieging. As Major Killpatrick was yet unable to move on Account of an Inflamation in his Leg, which has confin'd him to his Room; I thought it would not be improper for me, while he staid to go a second Time to Tanjore to prevent if possible Monagee from marching, and to make him desist (according to his Promise) from Acts of Hostility, untill at least an Answer could come from the Morravar.

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——*FORT ST· GEORGE, MAY 1755.*—— [27TH.]

On the Road I was honour'd with your Letter of the 26th· April N°· 2 and shall endeavour Gentlemen to the best of my Power, to act agreeable to your Directions. I came however too late at Tanjore, and Monagee was gone. I ask'd for an Audience from the King, and had one the next day.

I again assur'd him of the favourable Intentions of the Hoñble Company towards him; but also the Consequences if he persisted in acting as he had begun, should the French intermeddle in the Affair. & why Monagee contrary to his Promise was gone in Person to pursue the War? He answer'd as before; that his Honour was concern'd; & that Monogee went to reinforce the Troops, as the Morravar had done the same, but if I would go as a middle Person & endeavour to make the Morravar restore his Country; it was all he ask'd. He urg'd my going, and said my Presence with the Morravar would do the Business.

I had a Conversation in the Morning with the Morravar Vakeels from which I was inclin'd to think this Step might be attended perhaps with Success, so I consented to go. I set out to morrow, with an Escort for Monogees Camp; and then to the Morravar. The Nabob's Vakeel Saib Muctoun goes with me, as also the Morravar Vakeels. My Journey, Return, and the necessary Time to finish the Affair (if anything can be done) will take up about a Fortnight; and Major Kilpatrick is to stay till my Return.

I shall with the quickest Dispatch acquaint You Gentlemen with my Proceedings. I hope this Step may meet with your Approbation, and that my Endeavour will be attended with Success equal to my Zeal, and sincere Desire to do my Duty, and please. I am with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most faithfull humble Servant

Tanjore JOHN CAILLAUD.
7th· May 1755.

The Committee very much approve the Resolution taken by Capt. Caillaud being of Opinion that it is the only probable Means of accomodating the Dispute between [the] King of Tanjore and the Moravar.

To THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR· PRESIDENT
& GOVR· &CA· COMMITTEE OF FORT ST· GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I am Honour'd with your Letter of the 26th· March, and this Day receiv'd another of the 3d· Instant in consequence of the Orders contain'd in them I shall prepare with all possible Expedition for my Return to Trichinopoly, but as I observ'd to you in my Letter of the 4th· Instant that the Revenues were all paid by Bills on the Merchants at 20 & 25 Days Date, and I have since receiv'd other Sums from the Polligars in the same manner, it is absolutely necessary I should remain a few Days longer in order to collect those Sums, and have Hopes that I shall be able to get what will not be immediately due, discounted at one & ½ ℔ Ct· for prompt Payment, my whole Application shall be for this Purpose, and settle with what Polligars I possibly can & begin my March without Loss of Time. I am inform'd the Mysore Dalloway has abandon'd Syringham and is on his March with his Troops for his own Country.

I am extremely sorry the Encouragement I gave the Morravar to send his Vakeel, does not meet with your Approbation, I wrote You from Trichindoura the 18 January that by the Nabob's Desire, I had given him Leave to send his Vakeel, and since that I have acquainted You with every Step I have taken with him, He did not come to me 'till the Army reach'd Madura, when I had the greater Inducement to grant him Protection as I imagin'd had you disapprov'd of it, I should have been favour'd with a Letter from You, in Answer to mine of the 18th· Jañry; I hear the Nabob has said He did not give me Powers to send for him, that you may Judge of the Truth I have enclos'd you Copy of a Letter He sent me with his own Chop and

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[27TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755.*——

sign'd with his own Hand, not only that, but I receiv'd repeated Messages from Him to get the Morravar to send his Vakeel at any Rate, and when the Nabob was with the Army near Manapar. I never went to see him that he did not press me to do it in the strongest Terms possible; I never receiv'd any Letter or Representations either from the King of Tanjore or Tondiman against receiving the Vakeel, on the contrary I wrote to Monogee in Regard to him, and he never thought it worth his While to answer me, as a farther Proof of the Nabob's Desire to get the Morravar for his Friend, Mauphis Cawn wrote a Letter to the King of Tanjore & desir'd he would not attack, as if he did, it would be of the utmost ill Consequence to his Affairs in this Country, The King of Tanjore or Tondaman have no Vakeels here, neither do I know they ever had, but shall tell the Morravar's People before the Nabob's Officers what you have order'd & send them away; so cautious was I of treating to the prejudice of any of the Company's Allies that the first thing I ask'd of him was an Assurance, that whatever had been taken from the Nabob The King of Tanjore or Tondaman should be instantly restor'd, and all Arrears paid, this Agreement they have several Times offer'd to fulfill, provided those Troops employ'd against his Country were withdrawn; His people here are of great Service to us, and by their Means one of the Principal Polligars is brought to Setle with the Nabob, they detach Parties of their Men with ours, wherever desir'd.

I shall make the Distribution of the Plunder among the Army, which will be very trifling, what Grain has been taken as Prize was chiefly in Forts, which it will be necessary the Nabob should keep Possession of, it shall therefore be deliver'd over to Him & the small Quantities that have been sold shall be accounted for.

As to Rangapah the Compys Linguist I have had no Complaints of him, neither has the Nabob or his Officers made any to me, on the contrary they all seem'd to esteem him, as an usefull good Man, I could wish you would be pleas'd to send up the Informations you have receiv'd against him, and his Conduct shall be immediately enquir'd into; but as at present, I dont know what Crimes to charge him with it will be impossible to bring him to any Trial, till I receive them, however I shall be very cautious in trusting him till I receive your Answer, and will narrowly inspect his Proceedings both past & to come; in Affairs relating to the Company's Business; it never was agreeable to me to trust one Person for which Reason when I march'd against the Polligars, I desir'd Major Killpatrick to send me Gopall that they might be a Check on each other, He attended me as well as the other the beginning of this Expedition till he unfortunately receiv'd a Shot in that Thigh, at the Attack of Colegoody, & was oblig'd to be left in Madura.

Mahomed Cawn the Nabob's Divan has been of great disservice, to the Company's receiving Sums from the Polligars, He has us'd his utmost Endeavours to prevent their settling with us, by writing to them that the English would Stay but a little Time, & that he should be left to command this Country, and would then settle their Accounts on much easier Terms. I am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Tinnevelly
22d. April 1755.

ALEXR. HERON.

P.S. The King of Travencore's Vakeel, has been with me almost ever since I came to this Place, there are 3 or 4 Villages which he took Possession of during the Government of Myana, which belong to the Nabob, he has offer'd me that provided he might be allow'd to keep them, he would enter into an Agreement, to supply the Nabob, with any Number of Men not exceeding 10,000 whenever his Affairs requir'd their Assistance, but as I could not enter into any Treaty without your Approbation, I told him I would represent it to you.

I am afraid the Company must be considerable Sufferers by my leaving this Country so soon but I beg leave to assure you I shall use all possible Means to settle every thing in the best manner, and according to your Orders proceed for Trichinopoly without loss of Time.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1755.*—— [27TH.]

A Copy of a Letter from the Nabob to Colonel Heron in the Morratta Language dated in Mannapara 9th. February 1755.

I heard that the Morravar's Vakeel is on the Road. You had promis'd your Friendship to him, for which Reason I give you my full Promise to forgive all his Crimes and to protect him provided that he comes without any Fear and submits himself as usual, pays what Money he owes delivers up the Country to me, and likewise acknowledges me as his Superiour in his Samastan (or Government) and joins our Army to act. I must also advise You also to write to the Governour and Council of Madrass in the same manner to get his Crimes pardon'd.

As Major Herons dismission of the Morravar's Vakeel in Consequence of our Orders, will be sufficient to Restore the Confidence of the King of Tanjore, it is unnecessary to say more on that Subject Agreed that Major Heron be wrote to send a particular Account of the Money collected; and to escort the Nabob to Arcot as before directed, as soon as the Troops shall be sufficiently recover'd from their Fatigue.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Captain Caillaud agreeable to Resolutions of the 27th. Instant. [29TH.]

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE COMPANY'S FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL. No. 3

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 22d. of April from which we imagine you must by this Time be return'd with the Army to Trichinopoly. Your Advices as yet with regard to the Money collected have been General and uncertain; We desire you will transmit us a particular Account.

As soon as the Men are recover'd from their Fatigue and the Nabob is ready to set out you will execute our former Orders for escorting him to Arcot. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
29th. May 1755.

To CAPTAIN CAILLAUD.

Sir No. 3

We have receiv'd your Letter No. 2. dated the 7th. Instant and think with you that your Presence with the Morravar is the most likely Method of bringing his Disputes with the King of Tanjore to an Accommodation: We hope soon to hear of your Success and are Sir Your most obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
29th. May 1755.

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[30TH.] ——*FORT ST GEORGE, MAY 1755.*——

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit of this Date agreeable to Resolution of the 27th. Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 53.

Sent a Letter to Messrs. Maskleyne & Preston agreeable to Resolution of the 27th. Enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 84.

WEDNESDAY 4TH. JUNE.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY ROBT. ORME
ALEXANDER WYNCH WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The following Letters from Major Heron and Captain Caillaud read.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT
AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COMMITTEE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I am just now honour'd with a Duplicate of yours of the 22d. of April No. 1 & your Letter of the 24th No. 2 the Original of the Former, and the Letter of the 6th. I have not receiv'd, neither are the Duplicates you mention or the Cartel with the Dutch come to hand.

In obedience to your Orders contain'd in the General Letter of the 26th. March I told the Morravar's Cherrigar & Vakeel in the presence of Mauphoos Cawn and his Officers, that his Master was never to expect any Favour or Protection from the English till he had restor'd every Thing he had taken both from the Nabob and King of Tanjore, I acquainted you with the Result of that Conference in my Letter of the 25th. April, so hope the King of Tanjore and Tondaman are well satisfied before this Time of my having communicated your Instructions to the Morravar, as his Cherrigar and Troops left me immediately upon it, which undoubtedly they would hear of; I also flatter Myself the Copy of the Nabob's Letter to me in regard to the Morravar will justify myself in this Respect, that I took no one Step without his Desire and Approbation.

I began my March the 2d. Instant for Trichinopoly, which was as soon as Circumstances would admit of, I had sent a Detachment to Nellicotah, which it was necessary should join me before I left Tinnevelly, and I had some Bills that were near due by the Merchants, which I might probably have been disappointed of had I not staid to receive them, I remain'd there only nine Days after receipt of your Orders, which time Mauphoos Cawn requir'd to settle that part of the Country in some State of Security; He had made little Preparations for that purpose, and as he only desir'd that 3 Company's of Sepoys might be left in Palam Cotah, He was oblig'd to raise other Troops to secure his Forts and Villages thereabouts; He with the remainder of the Sepoys will stay at Madura.

As to the King of Travencore, I always gave him the strongest Assurances of the Regard the English had for him, & that I should not suffer any of the Troops under my Command, to commit any new Acts of Hostility on his Country, or present Possessions; He in return by his Vakeel assur'd me he would not intermeddle with the Nabob, or his Country.

During my Route from Tinnevelly to Madura, Mauphoos Cawn with repeated Messuages [*sic*] press'd me to march toward the Pullitavre Pólligar, as he had not settled with him, he assur'd me in a Day or two I should be able to settle that Business, and that then the quiet Possession of this whole Country would be secur'd to him, as it was little out of my Road, & he sollicited me so strongly I agreed to it, my Informations in regard to the Strength of the Place and the Force of this Polligar were intollerably bad, instead of a Mud Fort & a few Colleries as I was told,

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We found it a very strong Fortification, the lower part of the Walls built with Stone, & defended by above 4000 Men and 11 Pieces of Cannon serv'd by Dutch Deserters and Topasses. I tried to batter their Walls with 6 Pounders, but found they had no Effect, I then call'd a Council of the Captains who were unanimously of Opinion, that the Reduction of this Place was not of sufficient Consequence to the Company to recompence them for the Number of Men they must necessarily lose, that even supposeing our heavy Cannon brought up from Madura, and a Breach made, from the desperate Behaviour of these People we might expect a considerable Loss both of Europeans and Sepoys; this, with the Receipt of your two Letters determin'd me to leave the Place without Loss of Time and purse [*sic*] my March for Trichinopoly.

The Sums for the different Polligars and Villages that We have settled for, will amount to about four Lacks and a half of Rupees, two Lacks are from the Polligars, half to be paid in ready Money, the remainder in four Months, for which they give their Relations & principal Merchants as Security. I have receiv'd from Mauphoos Cawn one Lack and Ten Thousand on Account of the Villages He is in Arrears still another Lack and twenty two Thousand, which he promises to pay, but I fear the bad Condition of his Affairs will prevent him from doing it at least for some Time, in the above Sums is also included Money receiv'd for Paddy taken at Nellicotah; I have also Eight prize Horses that are proper for the Troop, and as they were no Expence to the Company, I have mounted the Volunteers who serve as Troopers.

Enclos'd are Returns of the Army which I could not send sooner. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Sancanaranagoody
14th. May 1755.

ALEXR. HERON.

To the Honble George Pigot EsqR. President
and GovR. &cA. Committee at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

No. 3.

My last Letter was from Tanjore No. 2 dated the 7th. Inst. In which I had the honour of acquainting you Gentlemen with my Intention of following Monagee; and also of getting if possible an Interview with the Morravar, in order to settle the Affair between him and the King of Tanjore.

Before I overtook Monagee he had taken from the Morravars one half of the Country in dispute; The remaining half, thô it all goes under the same Name belongs to the Polligar of Nallcotah against whom Monajee was Intending to proceed. I prevented his marching untill We could see Whether our Mediation, and the Nabob's Orders would have any Effect. I wrote immediately to the Morravar & to the Nallcotah Polligar desiring from the first an Interview; or to send a Person to me with full Powers to treat in his Name. To the latter ordering him in the Nabob's Name, & advising him, as the only means to secure our Friendship to come to an Agreement with the Monogee which if he did immediately, I would endeavour as a middle Person to make Monogee abate something of his Demands. My Letter succeeded, and the King (as they call him) came in Person to meet us; The Affair was made up to the Satisfaction of both Parties, and as I had promis'd with some abatement on the King of Tanjore's Side.

The Morravar sent a Man to me to know our Proposals, owning himself tributary to the Nabob, and begging our Protection; which he said Colonel Heron had first granted and then withdrawn.

I explain'd to him from whence the Error proceeded, and assur'd him the only way to get our Friendship was to follow the Nabob's Orders, to make Peace with the King of Tanjore, and give his Consent, and Agreement that the Country taken shou'd remain as it was by right, belonging to the King of Tanjore. All this the Vakeel promis'd in his Masters Name, & Monagee was contented. As to an

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Interview, he seem'd but little inclin'd to it, and wanted me so much to protract the Time, that I did not urge it, especially as Monagee told me he was now ready to return with his Army, & desir'd me to go with him. He has left about a Thousand Horse to secure his Country, & Yesterday I arriv'd with him, and the remainder of the Troops at Tanjore. The Nalleotah Vakeel has promis'd his Master should send the Writings after us, with a Concession of the Country.

I set out to morrow for Trichinopoly, and according to your Directions Gentlemen shall as soon as possible compleat the Magazine with a Twelvemonth's Provision.

I would have sent before according to my Orders an Account of what Money may be collected yearly from the Madura, Tinnevelly, & Countries depending on Trichinopoly. I have deferr'd it in order to get the best Information I could relating to it. and hope on my Return to find the Person whom I employ'd for that Purpose ready to give an Account that may be depended on, which I shall immediately have the Honour to transmit to you. I remain with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithfull Servant

Tanjore
the 22 May 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

The Committee are well pleas'd to observe that the Mediation of Capt. Caillaud between the King of Tanjore and the Morravar has been attended with the wish'd for Success, and prevented the Hostilities which were threaten'd and which might have given Rise to fresh Troubles.

Capt. Howes advises that on the 29^th^· May there arriv'd at Arcot three Deserters from the French Army accompanying Salabad Jung, which they left the 17^th^· of the same Month at a Fort belonging to the King of Mysore, their Account of the Force of the French Party is Four hundred Europeans, commanded by M^r^· Bussy under whom M^r^· Law acts as Major.

Agreed to direct Capt. Howes to send in the Deserters immediately, and that M^r^· De Leyrit be advis'd of their Arrival and acquainted that they will be ready to be deliver'd on his Promise of Pardon.

Three Letters receiv'd by Capt Eacharn from the King of Tavay read as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N^o^· 106. 107 & 108 setting forth his high Esteem for the English, that he is ready to perform all the Engagements enter'd into on his part, and requesting that the Stores &c^a^· promis'd may be sent him, He gives at the same Time some Account of the War between the King of Pegue and the King of Ava, to which last Tavay is Subject; He therefore in the Name of his Sovereign desires our Succour and Assistance.

The Success of this War is extremely doubtful, and it was never our Design to engage in it on either Side. The Intention of the Agreement propos'd to the King of Tavay was only to establish a free Liberty of Trade at that Port on as Advantagious a footing as possible. It is agreed therefore to write to him by the first Opportunity to thank him for his Friendship assuring him at the same Time of our Desire to maintain a good Correspondence with him, but that our Occasions here for Men and Warlike Stores are so large that it is not in our Power to send him any.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1755.*—— [4TH.]

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit pursuant to this Morning's Resolution as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 54.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Preston dated 7th. Instant inclosing one from Mr. Du Rocher to him. Enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries No. 85 & 86. 9TH.

AT A COMMITTEE THURSDAY THE 12TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The following Letters receiv'd since last meeting from Major Heron, Major Killpatrick and Capt. Caillaud, Read.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COMMITTEE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sirs & Sirs No. 2

I arriv'd here with the Army this Day the heavy Rains we have had sometime past, and the Number of our Sick, retarded the March a good deal, I shall be under a Necessity of halting a few Days to give the Men a little Refreshment, and shall then pursue my Route for Trichinopoly with all possible Expedition, which Place I hope to reach the beginning next Month.

Mauphoos Cawn found that his Presence was necessary at Tinnevelly, he with his Horse left me during the March, and return'd there, I since hear the King of Travencore has retaken some Villages, which they had abandon'd on the Army's Arrival, I don't imagine he will advance any farther as he in some measure look'd on these Places as his own from being in possession of them some Time.

On the 8th Instant Capt Lin receiv'd Information that Myana was to be at a Village about 12 Miles off, with a few Attendants, as this Intelligence was strongly corroborated by others, He thought it proper to make a Detachment from his Garrison to endeavour if possible to surprise him, accordingly Serjeant Gould with Six Europeans and Seventy Sepoys were sent, who had Orders to make himself throughly acquainted that there was no Force of consequence in the Village, before he attempted any thing against it, how far he obey'd those Orders I know not, but fear he was too eager in the pursuit of the Scheme, and by that Means was drawn into an Ambuscade, where he was immediately surrounded by above 4000 Coleries who cut Him and his whole Party off except two Sepoys who escap'd much wounded, they give this Account of the above unfortunate Accident.

I forgot to acquaint You, that Lieut. Mathews died at Tinnevelly the 27th. of last Month.

I wrote you the 14th. Instant No. 1 and enclos'd General Returns of the Army which I hope you have receiv'd.

Mauphoos Cawn has wrote me a Letter earnestly desiring that I would leave the two Great Guns with him, that his Affairs were far from being settled, and without them it would not be in his Power to reduce the Polligars to any Terms indeed I fear he will not be long in Possession of the Country, the People in General are not in his Interest. Myana has many Friends, and when the Army was at Tinnevelly, He with the Coleries came to the very Gates of this Place, and plunder'd the Villages round, as they ventur'd so far, when an European Garrison was in the

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Place, I imagine they will attempt much more after we leave it, they have several Strong Holds near this, but as my Orders are so pressing for my immediate March, it is out of my Power to dislodge them. I am with the greatest Esteem Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

Madura
21st. May 1755.

ALEXR. HERON.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

No. 3. Hoñble Sir & Sirs

By a Letter I yesterday receiv'd from Colonel Heron who is with the Army at Madura, he inform'd me he was apprehensive the Polligars intended to Harrass him on his Return and requested five hundred Sepoys might be sent to join him from hence, that Force he thought would be sufficient to secure his March, but as his meaning was not very full in this Point, I have added to them one hundred Military and dispatch'd them away this Morning to his Junction under the Command of Captain Ziegler, Capt Caillaud is not yet arriv'd which I believe is occasion'd by the bad Weather we have had here these four or five Days past which has been very Violent. I am with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient &ca. Servant

Trichinopoly
27th May 1755.

JAMES KILLPATRICK.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR. &CA. COMMITTEE AT MADRASS.

No. 4. Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd I have the Honour to transmit to you Gentlemen, a Return of the Garrison, and a State of the Ordonnance [*sic*], Stores &ca. as receiv'd from Major Killpatrick; from whom Yesterday I took charge of the Fort.

Permit me once more Gentlemen to return you my sincere Acknowledgements for the Honour you have done me, and as I merit, let me beg a continuance of your Favour and Protection.

I should along with the Returns have sent an Acct. of the Provisions; But Lieut. Rumbold (who was appointed by Mr. Maunsel to take care in his Absence of the Magazine) went on a Party the Morning of the Day I arriv'd. untill his Return I must defer it. what Provisions were beginning to damage, Major Killpatrick had sold out. I shall continue doing so, taking Care to put in at the same Time the like Quantity of sound Grain, and according to your Orders, to keep that Magazine stor'd with a twelvemonths Provision.

The Nabob sent for me Yesterday to communicate a Letter he had receiv'd from Salabad Jung's Camp. He is march'd from Seringapatam about ten Miles. But were divided in their Councils, whether to pass the Monsoon in the Nabob of Cuddapahs Country, or to return to Aurungabad. This must be determin'd soon. The River Kishna not being passable after the Freshes come down. which is commonly by the latter end of next Month. And that River must be cross'd, if they return home before that Time. The Nabob is of Opinion if they stay the Monsoon in the Cuddapah Country it is with an Intention of coming next Year in the Arcot Province. Salabad Jung has collected from the Mysore fifty two Lack. Twenty Seven ready Money, and Bills on the Merchants for the rest Messrs. Bussey & Laws are both with him, The Latter made a Demand on the Mysore in the Name of the French Company, for seven Lack; for the Loss they had sustain'd when he was taken along with Chundah. The Money was refus'd and at Mr. Bussey's Request, Laws desisted from his Demand.

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Colonel Heron was to set out from Madura the 28th. Instant if the Weather permitted. As he has a great Many Sick, & some Business still to settle with the Country People, it may retard him on his March. We do not expect him here before the 10th. of next Month. Major Killpatrick as he inform'd me had acquainted you of sending at his Desire a Party to reinforce him of 100 Europeans & 500 Sepoys, commended [*sic*] by Capt. Zeigler.

I had the Honour of addressing you last Gentlemen from Tanjore N°. 3 dated the 23d. Instant. My next as soon as possible, shall acquaint you with the Revenues to be collected from the Country dependant on Trichinopoly. I am with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithfull hum Serv

Trichinopoly
30th. May 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COMMITTEE AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Sir

I receiv'd this Day Advice from our Army. they are within three Days march of this Place, in the Natom Country; and whatever Danger there might be on the Road, is now pass'd. The Coleries I hear made some little Show of Opposition, but without any Effect or Loss to our People.

Mr. Maissin is coming to Syringham with 300 Europeans, he was Yesterday at Outatoor the Reason of his March as given out is to relieve the Soldiers of that Garrison. Mr. Goupil who now Commands is still to remain, & Mr. Maisin when the relief is made to return to Pondicherry with the old Men. that may be one Reason but another is to reinstate the old Polligar of Toriore in his Right, who was turn'd out by the Mysoreans. A Circumstance in our Favour. That Man has always been a Friend to the Nabob: & his Vakeel has been long solliciting with him and applied to me to assist his Master; which was not in our Power in the present Situation of Affairs, but luckily the French are now doing for us, what We ourselves would have done, had it been proper. There is also a Report when Mr. Maissin has finish'd this Business, he intends going against the Worriopollam Polligar. I shall watch all his Motions with Care in this part of the Country, and send you Sir the earliest Intelligence I can of them, If they are worth your Notice.

There are Letters in Town to some Merchants from Salabad Jung's Camp; which say positively he is returning to Hydrobad; a few Days more will let us know with some Certainty what he Intends, or is doing. I am with great Respect Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Trichenopoly
1st. June 1755.

J. CAILLAUD.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob's Vakeel has since the Receipt of the above Letters inform'd him of Colonel Herons Arrival with the Army at Trichenopoly, and represented to him that the Nabob is extremely desirous of our undertaking a Second Expedition to Madura on which he would go himself; His Reasons for this Proposal are that the Revenues to be collected in those Parts are now his only Hopes for Support, the French being in Possession of a great part of the Arcot Country, That the Polligars of Madura and Tinnevelly embolden'd by the Return of our Army to Trichenopoly have already recommenc'd their Disturbances which will encrease daily, if a Force is not sent and maintain'd there to keep them in Obedience.

In the Consideration of the Nabob's Proposal, it was first debated whether the Rents expected to be receiv'd would defray the Expences of the Expedition.

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We have before our Eyes a fresh Example by which we may Judge that the Disbursements would exceed the Receipts, for there is no reason to expect that the Expences would be Less or the Collections larger on a Second Expedition than they were on the late one. We were encourag'd to undertake the first by the Hopes that all the Polligars being once reduc'd would afterwards live in quiet Obedience to the Nabob, and pay him the customary Tribute regularly, but it appears by their having already begun fresh Commotions, that they have too long tasted the Sweets of Independency, and that no future Revenues can be secur'd without either leaving an Army in their Country or putting a very large Garrison into Madura.

It was then debated whether it would be consistent with the Present Situation of Affairs to divide such an Army or Garrison from our General Force. The Advices receiv'd from the Court of Directors by the Ships lately arriv'd give very doubtfull Hopes of the New Conferences which were open'd in London between the two Companies, the French will therefore undoubtedly receive very considerable Reinforcements; already they have four Ships arriv'd, and it is not prudent to depend so much on the Treaty of Truce as to leave it in their Power to make any grand Advantage over us by too great a weakening of our Force.

Upon the whole it us [*sic*] unanimously agreed to pursue our former Plan of bringing the Nabob as soon as possible to Arcot; His Residence there tho it be but for a short Time may be attended with great Advantages; All the Country will be more convinc'd of his Right, and by a nearer Correspondence or perhaps a personal Conference with him, We may be enabled to adjust some further Means for the Payment of the Company's Debt. Afterwards if the Situation of Affairs should render it not dangerous to divide our Forces he may return to the Southward and endeavour to settle his Affairs that way. That We may be inform'd in Time of the Situation and Disposition of all the different Polligars, and of the Force necessary for such an Expedition, on which Points Colonel Heron is best able to satisfy us, It is Agreed to write him to come directly from Trichenopoly to Madrass and to give the Command of the Army to Cap^{t}· Polier, the next Senior Officer, to whom it is resolv'd to send Orders immediately for escorting the Nabob to Arcot.

Order'd that the Nabob be advis'd of this Resolution and that Captain Caillaud be wrote to enforce our Letter and to persuade him to set out as soon as possible.

Letter from Lieut^{t}· Preston as enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries N^{o}· 85 and M^{r}· Du Rocher's Proposals to him N^{o}· 86 read. The Method propos'd by M^{r}· Du Rocher for ascertaining the Share of the Grain due to the Inhabitants being found quite different from that Agreed on with M^{r}· De Leyrit, it is Resolv'd to write to M^{r}· De Leyrit concerning it, and to represent to him that all our Measures will be Subject to Perplexities if his Commissaries are at Liberty to reject a Plan settled between us; and

As M^{r}· Saunders & M^{r}· Godeheu made it a Practice to communicate to each other all Advices that arriv'd from Europe touching the Conferences begun between the two Companies, It is agreed now to write to M^{r}· De Leyrit that we are inform'd new Conferences were open'd in London which it was hop'd would produce an Accomodation of our Disputes, although he on his Part has made no mention to us of the Advices he has receiv'd by the Ships arriv'd at Pondicherry.

Order'd that a Letter be wrote to M^{r}· Maunsell the Commissary at Camp, directing him to transmit us a General Account Current of the late Expedition shewing in a regular manner all the Receipts and Disbursements.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}· WYNCH.
WILL^{M}· PERCEVAL.

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Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit agreeable to this Morning's Resolution; Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 55.

Receiv'd two Letters from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 8th. & 9th. Instant as enter'd No. 56 & 57 At the same time arriv'd a Party of Sepoys from Pondicherry with Orders to take Charge of the Nine French Deserters of which the President lately gave Notice to Mr. De Leyrit.

The Nine Deserters having been deliver'd to the French Sepoys, the President 13
wrote a Letter to Mr. De Leyrit to advise him thereof; Entd. No. 58.

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron, Capt. Caillaud, Capt. Polier and 14
Mr. Maunsell pursuant to Resolutions of last Committee.

To ALEXR. HERON ESQR. MAJOR OF THE HOÑBLE COMPYS FORCES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL. No. 4.

Sir

Your last Letter was dated at Madura the 21st. May; We conclude this will find you at Trichenopoly as a Letter the President has receiv'd from the Nabob tells him you was within a few Days march of that Place Our principal Reason for hastening your Return was an Apprehension that Advices from Europe might make it necessary to unite our Force, for this Reason also we did not care you should leave any Men at Madura, altho' the Nabob most earnestly press'd it, and now does that a fresh Party may be order'd thither. We shall not determine absolutely till We have discours'd with You on the Subject and are made thoroughly acquainted with the Situation of those Parts and the different Interests of the several Polligars thereabouts. The Present is as favourable as can Offer as soon therefore as you can conveniently leave the Army, Give the enclos'd Letter to Capt. Polier with such Instructions as you Judge proper and leave him in the Command thereof We should be glad you would bring with you a particular State of it that We may be better able to judge what Stores it may be necessary to send thither.

We are under some Doubt what Time it may take before We can prevail upon the Nabob to move towards the Arcot Province, We would have you reccommend it to him in as strong Terms as possible, and acquaint him Capt. Polier shall accompany him.

There are three Ships arriv'd from England; when they sail'd, the middle of December, there was no Alteration in Affairs.

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
14th. June 1755.

To CAPT. CAILLAUD.

Sir No. 4.

We have receiv'd your Letters No. 3 & 4 dated the 22d. & 30th. May, and observe with Pleasure the Success of your Mediation between the King of Tanjore and the Moravar.

We have desir'd Colonel Heron to come to Madrass after giving Charge of the Army to Capt. Polier who has Orders to accompany the Nabob to Arcot leaving you the four Companies before directed.

The sooner the Nabob sets out the better; we have wrote him so and would have you endeavour as much as you can to hasten him Represent to him that when he has once been seated at Arcot, the Country will regard him as the Nabob of the

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Province, his Orders will come from their proper Head and be more easily obey'd and consequently he will afterwards be more likely to succeed in the settling his Affairs in all the different Parts of the Province.

Should Captain Polier find the Stores deliver'd over to him with the Army not sufficient for his March we have directed him to apply to you and we desire you will supply him as far as you prudently can

If Mauphoos Cawn is desirous of more Sepoys and will pay them you may endeavour to enlist for him but We would not have you make Detachments from your Garrison any further than you can yourself provide for their Retreat.

Three ships are arriv'd from England they saild the 15th. December at which Time there was no Alteration in Affairs. We enclose you a Copy of the Articles of the Truce and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
14th. June 1755.

To CAPT. POLIER.

No. 1. Sir

We have directed Colonel Heron on his leaving Trichenopoly to put the Army under your Command. We shall therefore now furnish you with the necessary Instructions.

When the Nabob sets out for Arcot you are to accompany him with the Army after leaving with Capt. Caillaud four Compleat Companies in the Garrison of Trichinopoly Vizt. Capt. Caillaud's Capt. Smith's, Capt. Callender's and Major Killpatrick's, be particularly careful that no Hostilities or Ravages are committed in the Country on your march. If you should have any Complaints of that Nature from the Inhabitants see that strict Justice is done them and make severe Examples of the Offenders.

When you have taken Charge of the Army send us immediately an Exact return of the Troops as well as of the Cattle Carriages and Stores, and if there should not be sufficient for your March apply to Capt. Caillaud who has our Orders to furnish you as far as he is able.

You will advise us frequently of every thing that Occurs & wait at Arcot for our Orders We are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
14th. June 1755.

To MR. THOMAS MAUNSELL COMMISSARY AT CAMP.

Sir

As We have not yet receiv'd the Accounts of the Money collected on the late Expedition to Madura and Tinnevelly we desire you will transmit us immediately a General Account Current shewing on one Side all the Sums that have been receiv'd and on the other the Disbursements that have been made. This ought to have been done sooner. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
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AT A COMMITTEE

THURSDAY THE 19TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Mr. De Leyrit takes Notice in his Letter No. 57 of his not having receiv'd an Answer to his former ones dated 30th. April and 8th. May on the Subject of the contested Districts of the Carangoly Pergana. As the Arguments contain'd in those Letters do not invalidate even one of the Proofs of the Nabob's Right transmitted with the President's letter to Mr. De Leyrit dated 15th. April last, It is Agreed now to recapitulate them, to support them with the Remarks on his Answers enter'd in these Minutes the 5th. May last and to insist again on the Restitution of the Districts so prov'd to have been unlawfully wrested from the Nabob.

Letter from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 113 Read, setting forth his Reasons in favour of a Second Expedition to Madura, all which having been before urg'd by his Vakeel and debated at our last meeting, the Committee do remain in the Resolution then taken, and it is agreed to write the Nabob again that We cannot by any means consent to divide our Forces at this Time, and that We think it best he should set out for Arcot as soon as possible.

The following Letters from Major Heron and Capt Caillaud read.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT
& GOVR. &CA. COMMITTEE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

No. 8.

I acquainted you from Madura of my Intention to leave that Place in a few Days, I began my march the 28th. of last Month, and reach'd Trichinopoly with the Army yesterday.

The 29th. Ulto. in passing some Strong Defiles in the Natom Woods, our Baggage and Buzar was attack'd by the Coleries, who had in great Numbers lin'd the woods through which We must necessarily pass, they had also attempted to stop the Road by felling large Trees across so that I was oblig'd to detach most of the few Sepoys I had to cover the coolies in clearing the Road, this left the Buzar and Baggage the more expos'd, indeed the latter were so numerous that if we met any opposition the Loss of a considerable part was unvoidable, the principal Loss of the Baggage was private property, the Company lost their old Tents which were almost unserviceable, a few barrells of damag'd Ammunition, & a few Firelocks that had been deliver'd into the Quarter Master Stores to be mended. We had 4 Europeans Kill'd & 4 Wounded these few Men would not have suffer'd had they not been sick & unarm'd & straggled out of the Road; We met with no other Difficulty on our Route.

As I have not been honour'd with any late orders from you, in regard to the Army's escorting the Nabob to Arcot, & He also informs me you have not mention'd it to him; since I march'd for the Madura Country I have order'd the army into Woriore Pagodas till I receive your Commands; I have desir'd the Nabob to get every thing ready for his Journey, that in case you approve of his going there, we may not be detain'd longer than is absolutely necessary.

Those Horses I acquainted you of that were put in the Troop for the use of the Volunteers, could not then be dispos'd of; as there were no Buyers; on our arrival here I gave Orders to Baron Vasserot, to chuse out nine of the worst from the Troop, which shall be put up at publick outcry & the Company have Credit for the Money they sell for, those We took as they are properer for the Troop, will replace those of the old ones that are sold.

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I have receiv'd for the use of the Company in ready Money one hundred twenty Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty eight Rupees three Quarters, Mauphoos Cawn is indebted on Account of the Madura and Tinnevelly Villages one hundred and twenty two Thousand Rupees and the Polligars Securities owe two hundred and three Thousand Eight hundred and twelve Rupees, this Money is undoubtedly good and will be paid soon, but the heavy Rains We have had, and our expeditious march put it out of their Power to get it remitted them so soon as they expected; I have given them over in Charge to Capt. Caillaud, as He has much greater convenience to secure them till they clear their whole Accounts than I can have in Camp.

I have enclos'd you general Returns of the Army for last Month. and am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Trichinopoly
7th. June 1755.

ALEXR. HERON.

No. 5. TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. &CA. COMMITTEE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd I have the Honour to transmit to you Gentlemen, an Account of the Revenues to be collected from the Countries belonging to Trichinopoly District, for this next Year beginning the 10th. of July 1755. and also the Yearly Tribute as usually paid by the Polligars depending on that Fort. the Revenues cannot be so considerable as formerly, but if a Peace continues will improve each Year. most of the Countries I have mention'd have as yet paid Nothing; and it is only now that by encouragement the Inhabitants are returning to their old Habitations & that not without Money advanc'd for their present Maintenance and Support, The only Country which has paid is the Nangaveram which from last Year was collected 67000 Rupees but next Year will produce as I have set it down in the Account.

The Country mortgag'd to the French by the Mysoreans & dependant also on Trichinopoly, yields to them now within a Trifle of four Lack Yearly; and next Year they expect six.

The Nabob inform'd me that he has wrote to you Gentlemn. concerning his Right to the Worriopollam, and Arelioloure Countries. These Polligars have acknowledg'd him all along paid some Tribute all the War and continue doing so now. The reason of his Writing was having Advice that the Party with Mr. Maissin, when he has settled the Toriore Business (where he yet remains) designs to go against the last of these Polligars. I should be glad to be inform'd from you Gentlemen how to act should that happen as I cannot find by Information, that the French have any Right from Possession, or Rents being ever paid them to molest those people. What Money has ever been got from either was by Force, and collected by Morarow, or the Mysoreans.

I have taken the Liberty on Mr. Wilson's Representation that the Coast Air was absolutely necessary for the recovery of Ensign Bonjour's Health, to give him leave to go down. I shall not for the future give any more Officer's Leave without first acquainting You, and waiting in Consequence for your Orders. nor would I have presum'd to do it now only as it was a Case of extremity; I hope you will excuse it. I am with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithfull humble Servt.

Trichinopoly
10th. June 1755.

J. CAILLAUD.

Order'd that the List of Revenues to be collected from the Countries dependant on Trichinopoly be enter'd after these Minutes that it may be in readiness to be referr'd to when we come to adjust with the Nabob a Plan for the Payment of his Debt to the Company.

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Consideration being had on the Advices Capt. Caillaud mentions to have receiv'd of the Designs of the French against the Worriorpollam Country, which has never been in their Possession nor paid Obedience to any but the Nabob. It is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud that if his Suspicions prove true and the French should attempt to enter that Country he is first to represent to their Commanding Officer, that such a Proceeding will be a direct Infringement of the 5th. Article of the Truce; that if this Representation should have no Effect; he must detach a Party strong enough to oppose theirs, the Commander of which is to send another Summons to the French Commander to Retire; and if no Regard is paid to such Summons to make use of his Force, and Endeavour to repulse them, for it is evident to the Committee by many Instances that when once they have got Possession no Arguments or Proofs can induce them to make Restitution.

Capt. Gauppe writes from Changalapet that the 12 Europeans order'd to reinforce the Garrison of Chettapet are safely arriv'd there, but have not been able to dislodge the plundering Peons from that Neighbourhood, as they fly from Place to Place whenever they are pursued and that they are encreas'd to the number of Eight hundred Foot and two hundred Horse.

Agreed to write to Abdul Vahab Cawn to desire he will immediately send a Party of Horse & Sepoys from Arcot to drive out these Robbers & make a Severe Example of them.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M: PERCEVAL.

An Account of the Sums to be collected for the next Year; from the Countries belonging to Trichenopoly; As also the Yearly Tribute paid by the Polligars depending on that Fort. The Year commences the 10th. of next July 1755.

Names of Countries	Distance from Trichenopoly	Situation	Yearly Revenue
Nangaveram 18 Villages belonging to that Dist^t.	20 Miles	To the West.	Rupees 80,000
Connoor Shawnashawpetah Viznear Vinentoloore Putoore Columuny These Six Capital Villages with y^e Dependencies in all about 50 small Villages or Hamlets	The greatest distance 25 Miles.	S: E.	R^s. 100,000
Manaparah Country 12 Villages belonging to it.	20 Miles	S: W.	R^s. 30,000
Mootechellenoor &c^a. 11 Villages	From 12 to 5 Miles round Trichenopoly	Westward	R^s. 30,000
			Rupees 240,000

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The usual yearly Tribute paid by the Polligars depending on Trichinopoly.

Names of the Polligars.	Distance from Trichinopoly	Situation	Yearly Tribute.
Bushenaigue	30 Miles	S.W.	Rupees 13750
Lackynaigue	30	W.	13750
Commenaigue	25	N.W.	13750
Natom Lingonaigue	60	S.	13750
Mooty Naigue	40	W.	13750
			Rs. 68750
			Totall 308750

[20TH.] Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit of this Date pursuant to Yesterday's Resolution as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 59. also the following Letter to Capt. Caillaud.

To CAPTAIN CAILLAUD.

No. 5. Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter No. 5 of the 10th. June. In our last dated the 14th. we sent you a Copy of the Articles of the Truce which you are to observe on all Occasions. The Worriarpollam Country never having been in Obedience to the French comes evidently under the 5th. Article, therefore if your Intelligence of Mr. Maissin's Designs should prove true in that Regard, first send him Word that the Worriarpallam Country belongs to the Nabob and consequently that it will be a Breach of the Truce if he enters into it. Should he nevertheless proceed, consult with Coll. Heron or Capt Polier whoever may at that Time be in command of the Army and send a Detachment strong enough to oppose him. Let the Command[r] of the Detachment then send him another Summons and acquaint him his Orders are to use Force if he does not desist and accordingly do so if no regard is paid to his Summons.

By a Letter from the Nabob receiv'd to Day he Seems very averse to the Arcot Expedition We have many Reasons for thinking it the best Step and are therefore determin'd in Short that he must come. We now write him again on the Subject, do you endeavour to persuade him that the sooner he proceeds the better. We are, Sir, Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGR. LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY —ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
20th. June 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 25TH. GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBT. ORME ALEXR. WYNCH WILLM. PERCEVAL.

The following Letters receiv'd since last meeting Read.

To THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT
AND GOVR. &CA. COMMITTEE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

No. 4. Hoñble Sir & Sirs

In my Letter of the 7th. Instant I inform'd you of my Arrival at this Place; since that I have frequently been with the Nabob to represent to him the great Expence the Company are at, in keeping the Army in the Field, that if he intends

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going to Arcot the sooner he goes the better; His Answer to me is, that he cannot possibly come to any Determination, till he receives a Letter from you in Answer to one he wrote sometime ago.

You will observe Gentlemen by the Returns of the Army, that after the Garrison of Trichinopoly is compleated to 500 Rank & File we shall have very few except the Swiss Companies. our Number of Sepoys are also very inconsiderable, you will be the properest Judges, whether or no that Force will be Sufficient to escort the Nabob to Arcot, or go on any other Service they may be order'd upon.

The Nabob told me he was very desirous of having those nine Horses (I mention'd would be sold in my last Letter) for his private Use, I told him it was out of my Power to give him them, but as he had not receiv'd any thing from this late Expedition, I would represent it to you, and that if you disapprov'd of his having them for Nothing, he must then pay three Hundred and thirty Rupees each which was the Sum they were valued to be Worth one with another. I am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most hble Servt.

Trichenopoly
12th. 1755.

ALEXR. HERON.

The Garrison of Trichenopoly consisting at present of above three hundred Men, the Draught to be made to compleat it agreeable to our former Resolution to five Hundred Rank and File will be about Two Hundred Men and it is the Opinion of Colonel Lawrence (who is ask'd particularly) and of all the Committee that the Army which after such a Draught will consist of four hundred Men besides the Train and the Sepoys is of sufficient Strength to escort the Nabob to Arcot without the least Hazard. It is therefore Agreed to keep up the Garrison of Trichenopoly to the Number before directed which is now become the more necessary as the Polligars around are not quieted.

Agreed that the nine Prize Horses mention'd in Major Heron's Letter, which would be of very little use to the Company, be deliver'd to the Nabob agreeable to his Desire, and that no Payment be ask'd for them.

From Capt. Caillaud with Copy of a Letter from him to Mr. Maissin.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President
& Govr. &cA. Committee at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

No. 6.

In my last of the 10th. Instant I had the Honour to inform you Gentlemen, of the Nabob's Apprehensions, with regard to Mr. Maissin's Designs against the Arioloure Polligar. The Event has prov'd them true; Mr. Maissin having sent his Orders for him to pay the annual Rents of that Country, to the French Company. In Consequence of the Nabobs Application, and after the best Information, & Light I could get in the Affair I wrote to Mr. Maissin a Copy of which Letter I now enclose.

Since Mr. Maunsell's Arrival I have taken an Exact Account of the Grain in the Magazine; and according to his Returns find there is sufficient to maintain 3000 Men for Nine Months, and some Days. I would immediately compleat it to a twelve month, according to your Orders Gentlemen, but if you thought proper in the present Situation of Affairs to defer it untill after the Monsoon it may be done then, at a much cheaper Rate. As there is some Advantage attending this; I will venture to dispense with the first Orders untill I know whether you chuse Gentlemen to approve of this; In the mean Time I will take care to keep up the Magazine as it is now. I am with great Respect &c.

Trichinopoly
15th. June 1755.

J. CAILLAUD.

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[25TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1755.*——

To Mr. Maissin commanding a Detachment at Outatoore.

Sir

The Nabob Anaverde Cawn having communicated to me, the Contents of a Letter receiv'd from the Polligar of Arioloure, which informs him of an Order sent by you Sir to that Polligar demanding the Annual Revenues of that Country to be paid to the French Company, and in Case of a Refusal, threatening him with Military Execution, and also that a Party from your Detachment had enter'd his Country, and plunderd one of his Villages.

In consequence of the Nabob's Representation, & not finding upon the Strictest Enquiry, that this Polligar has ever paid Tribute, or acknowledg'd by writing, or otherwise any other Person but the Nabob of Arcot for his lawfull Master. Nor that the French Company by prior possession, or conquest during the War have any Right to that Country. I must desire in the Name of my Honourable Masters the English East India Company; and in Virtue of the Treaty subsisting between the two Nations (that seems to be infring'd by this Act of Hostility against our Ally) that you will please to desist Sir untill our respective Governours can be acquainted with the Affair; and the case being fairly represented on both Sides, they may be able to decide, and agree the matter between them. as they are the best Judges, acting in this manner will prevent the Consequences of any wrong Information, that either Side may have receiv'd in Relation to the Affair.

I have the Honour inclos'd to transmit to you Sir a Copy of the Polligar's writing; owning and acknowledging himself dependant only on the Nabob. and also the Letters wrote by him on this Occasion. I am Sir &c.

Trichinopoly
15th. June 1755.

J: Caillaud.

From the Proofs mention'd in Capt. Caillaud's Letter to Mr. Maissin and from all the other Information procurable, It appears plain to the Committee, that the Ariolour Country never acknowledg'd or was dependent on any other but the Nabob. It is therefore Resolv'd to support his Right to it and to act in the same manner as was agreed at our last meeting on the Subject of the Worriarpollam Country, ordering Captain Caillaud first to send a Summons to the French Officer to retire and in Case that has no Effect, to detach a sufficient Party to repulse theirs.

As Captain Caillaud represents that three Month's Store of Provisions wanting to compleat the Magazines of Trichenopoly to one Year may be laid in at another Season much cheaper that at present, It is agreed to write him to defer the purchase untill then, but to take particular Care in the mean Time that the Store be not less than for nine Months.

Capt. Gauppe advises by a Letter dated Yesterday that he has receiv'd Intelligence that all the plundering Peons had evacuated the Chettapet Districts, and that the Killedar had sent some of his People with Serjeant Rose and the Europeons to resettle all the Villages.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1755.*—— [25TH.]

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Captain Caillaud pursuant to this Morning's Resolutions.

To MAJOR ALEXANDER HERON OR THE COMMANDER OF THE TROOPS IN CAMP.

Sir No. 5.

Since We wrote you the 14th. Instant we have receiv'd your Letters of the 7 & 12th.

When the present Garrison of Trichenopoly is included, the Draught from the Army to compleat it to five Hundred Rank & File will be about Two hundred Men and the Remainder will be quite Sufficient to escort the Nabob to Arcot, you will therefore please to follow our former Directions on that Head.

We are very willing to oblige the Nabob with the nine prize Horses, which besides would be of very little use to the Company. We desire you will accordingly deliver them to him without asking any Payment.

Should any Party of French Troops enter into the Arioloure or Worriarpollam Countries before the Army is set out for Arcot and Capt. Caillaud find it necessary to apply to you for Assistance to oppose them, we desire you will act in concert with him and detach such a Number of Men from the Garrison and Army as may be judg'd necessary to repulse the French. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGR. LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
25th. June 1755.

To CAPTAIN CAILLAUD.

Sir No. 6.

Our last Orders were dated the 20th. Instant, since which your Advices of the 15th. have reach'd us.

We have given you particular Directions how to act if the French should enter into the Worriarpollam Country. According to the best insight we can get, that of Ariolour is on the same footing, & the Papers transmitted by you to Mr. Maissin are a Confirmation of it, we therefore approve of the Letter you wrote him and hope it will prevent his further proceeding; Should it not, you will act as We before order'd with regard to Worriarpollam, and so on every other Occasion of the same Nature; taking care always that you have good Proofs in your Hands of the Justice of the Nabob's Pretensions.

We concur in your Proposal of waiting till Grain is cheaper for the Purchase of the other three Months Provisions for your Garrison. In the mean time never let your Store be under Nine. We are Sir Your most obedient servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXANDER WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
20th. June 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE MONDAY THE 30TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL

Just now receiv'd the following Letter from Capt. Polier who has taken the Command of the Troops in Camp.

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[30th.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1755.*——

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr. President
& Governour &cA. Committee at Fort St. George.

Honour'd Sir & Sirs

I was favour'd with the Honour of yours of the 14th. Instant, the 22d. and upon Colonel Herons Depart the 23d. took the Command of the Army; I am infinitely oblig'd to you for the Confidence repos'd in me and hope my Actions will (as I shall make it my strict Study) satisfy you of my attachment to the Company's Interest and Service.

This Morning Capt. Caillaud and Myself waited on the Nabob to know the Day he would appoint to depart; he shew'd us a Letter receiv'd from you in return to one lately sent by him, in which he had entreated two of his Rebel Chiefs at the Places of Elianosure & Colcourchy which lye in the way to Arcot, might be punish'd; He inform'd us that in this Letter you honour'd him with you told him I had receiv'd Orders for my Conduct therein, but as I am strictly forbid any Acts of Hostility he says 'tis impossible for him to proceed to Arcot without the Liberty to chastize them as it would encourage other Subjects to be rebellious We promis'd upon this to know if you please to grant his Request, he Adds he hopes you will be agreeable to it, & in Consequence he will be ready to march the 3d. or 4th. of next Month. I beg you will favour me with farther Orders in what manner I am to proceed & to expedite the same that I may receive it on the Route before I reach those Places foremention'd. I have not been able to have all the Returns ready this Day but to Morrow shall dispatch them. I am Honour'd Sir & Sirs Your most humble your most Obedient and most devoted Servant

Warriore Camp
25th. June 1755.

P. Polier de Bottens.

Agreed that Instructions to the following purport be dispatch'd with the utmost Expedition to Capt. Polier.

That in all Places where the Nabob was acknowledg'd on the 11th. October last, the Day of the Proclamation of the Suspension, He (Captain Polier) is to assist him with the Army in collecting the Tribute due and in displacing any of the Chiefs the Nabob may think proper to remove. but that in order to avoid taking a wrong Step herein, He is to make the best Enquiry possible into the Nabob's Pretensions and wherever they appear doubtful no forcible Measures must be us'd.

Order'd that a Letter be wrote the Nabob to acquaint him particularly of the above Instructions given to Capt. Polier, and to desire him to be extremely Circumspect in the use he makes of them, taking Care that he has clear Proofs of the Justice of his Pretensions on every such Occasion.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Percival.

[1st. July] Sent the following Letter to Capt. Polier also one to the Nabob Enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 117.

To Capt Polier de Bottens.

No. 2. Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 25th. June, and send this express to guide you in your Conduct. Should the Nabob desire to remove any of the Killedars from their Office oblige them to settle Accounts.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*—— [1st.]

The Nabob doubtless has a Right to do this at all Places where he was acknowledg'd as such the 11th. October last, but particular Care should be taken to get certain Information that the Chiefs of Eleanasoure and Calcourchey or whoever else he offers to call to Account acknowledg'd him Nabob at that Time. I have wrote him very fully on this Subject and pointed out the fatal Consequences which may attend his taking a wrong Step herein, it will however be incumbent on you to make the best Enquiry possible; where there is Room for any Doubt you must prevent his using any forcible Measures, and on the other Hand, where it appears clear to you that the Nabob was acknowledg'd on that Day, you have not only our Liberty but our Directions also to assist him in collecting his just Rights, and in displacing any of the Chiefs he may see proper to remove. We rely greatly on your Care and prudence herein and are Sir Your most Obedt. Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
1st. July 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY THE 2D.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGR. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Letter receiv'd by the Ship Eastcourt from Roger Drake Esqr. Richard Chauncy Esqr. William Mabbot Esqr. and Jones Raymond Esqr. the Secret Committee for the present Year dated the 14th. February last and directed to the President & Council at Fort St. George Read, wherein by virtue of the Power delegated to the said Committee by the Court of Directors, they do nominate and appoint the following Persons to be a Select Committee for the management of all the Company's Naval and Military Affairs as also whatever may concern any Treaties or Alliances to be enter'd into with the Country Powers in India. Viz. Thomas Saunders Esqr. President of Fort St. George or the President for the Time being, George Pigot Esqr. Second of Council or the Second of Council for the Time being, Lieutenant Colonel Caroline Frederick Scott, Lieutenant Colonel Stringer Lawrence, Messieurs Henry Powney, Robert Orme, Alexr. Wynch and William Perceval. And in the 2d. Paragraph of the said Letter the Secret Committee do further direct that in case of a Vacancy in the said select Committee by Death or otherwise the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk do fill up such Vacancy and all future Vacancies are to be fill'd up by such Persons as the Committee shall think proper.

The President acquaints the Committee that in a Letter address'd to him by the Secret Committee he is directed to take an Oath of Secresy and to administer the same to the several Members as well as to the Secretary.

The President thereupon takes the Oath in presence of all the Members of the Committee.

The following is the Form of the Oath which is order'd to be here transcrib'd that it may be referr'd to on every future Occasion.

> I A.B. being nominated and appointed one of the Committee constituted by the Court of Directors for the management of the Company's Naval and Military Affairs, and of all Transactions relating to the Country Government do Swear that I will faithfully and truly keep the said Transactions Secret and execute and discharge the said Office or Place of one of the Committee to the best of my Skill and Power.

And then the President administers the same Oath [to] Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence, Messrs. Powney, Orme, Wynch [and] Perceval; and to Mr. Vansittart the Secretary an Oath of [Secrecy] and Fidelity agreeable to the Nature of his Trust.

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[2p.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*——

The Death of Lieutenant Colonel Scott causing a [Vacancy] the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk is call'd in and acquainted that [it] is the Pleasure of the Court of Directors that he should fill up [such] Vacancy, and the Oath of Secresy being first administer'd to [him] he takes his Seat accordingly.

Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort St. David being Second of Council on the Coast and consequently a Member of this Committee, it is Order'd that a Form of the Oath be sent to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David that Mr. Starke may take it before them and Agreed that all future Dispatches which go by the way of Fort St. David be left open for his Perusal.

The Honble the Court of Directors having transmitted by the Ship Eastcourt Copies of all the Papers which pass'd last Year between the Commissaries of the two Companies in Europe on the Subject of the Disturbances on this Coast, it is Agreed to meet on Friday for the perusal of them.

The President acquaints the Committee that a Regiment at Court Martial having been held at Cuddalore the beginning of May last on some Men of the Bombay Detachment, Capt. Forbes carried the Proceedings to Mr. Starke and had the Sentence approv'd by him. Colonel Adlercron being inform'd of this wrote under Date the 12th. May to the President that he was surpriz'd at Mr. Starke's taking upon him to approve the Sentence of a Court Martial at any Place where he was present, but particularly at Cuddalore as it was a Garrison at some Distance from Fort St. David where he thinks that he should even give the Parole. On the Receipt of this Letter the President prepar'd one in Answer expressing his Concern that any thing should cause a Difference between him and Mr. Starke, but as Capt. Forbes's Detachment was then in the Garrison of Cuddalore which is the Seat of our Merchants, and could not possibly fall under the Direction of any but the Deputy Governour of Fort St. David without prejudice to the Company's Affairs, he recommended to Colonel Adlercron to be govern'd by the same Prudence which had hitherto withheld him from interfering in any Matters of this Kind. The President purposely avoided saying any thing in Contradiction to Colonel Adlercron on the Subject of the Court Martial, because the Authority of the late Act of Parliament is vested undoubtedly in him during his Stay in India, but the Warrant he gave Mr. Saunders or the President for the Time being dated 27 Novr. last seems sufficient to justify what Capt. Forbes did, for Col. Adlercron who is quarter'd with the whole Regiment at the Garden House cannot be said to be personally present in the Garrisons either of Fort St. David or Cuddalore where there are none but Company's Troops under the Command of the Deputy Governour, and by his Letter to the President and Council dated 16th. Decemr. last he has promis'd not to interfere in those Garrisons.

The President deferr'd for some Time the sending his Answer in hopes that some favourable Occasion would make it unnecessary, but finding that Colonel Adlercron expected a Reply he dispatch'd it the 25th. June and this Morning receiv'd a Letter in Answer thereto as well as to another wrote him the 27th. June on the Subject of General Courts Martial there being many Men in confinement here for Desertion.

Colonel Adlercron seems by this Letter still to think he has a Right to command in Cuddalore, but says he shall refer the Affair to Europe. and as he declines giving the President any Power of approving the Sentence of General Court's Martial he incloses, agreeable to his Desire, a Warrant to Major Killpatrick [to] sit as President of one to be held here the 14th. Instant for the [Tryal] of such Prisoners as shall be brought before him.

The President is desir'd to write Colonel Adlercron in Answer to this Letter that he is oblig'd to him for referring the Dispute to Europe and for the Warrant to Major Killpatrick which is order'd to be deliver'd to him, and it is Agreed to apply to Colonel Adlercron for the Appointment of every general Court Martial, which may henceforward be necessary. The President is desir'd likewise to request Colonel Adlercron's Opinion on the Subject of some Swiss Soldiers who are in Confinement

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for Desertion, and who agreeable to the contract made with them by the Company (as mention'd in the General Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors dated 24th. Janry 1753. Parā 100) should be tried by their own Laws.

As Col. Adlercron intends to refer the Letters that have pass'd between him and the President on this Occasion to Europe; It is judg'd necessary that Copies be sent also to our Honble Masters and Order'd that they be enter'd in a Book apart.

The letters are

N°. 1.	One from Colonel Adlercron to the Presidt. dated		12th. May 1755.
2.	One from the President to Colonel Adlercron		25th. June
3.	One	Dº. Dº.	27 June
4.	One from Colº. Adlercron to the President datd.		30 June

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM: PER[CEVAL.]

Sent a Letter from the President to Colonel Adlercron of this Date as enter'd N°. 5 also the following Letter to Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David pursuant to yesterday's Resolution. [3D.]

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Gentlemen

The Deputy Governour being Second of Council on the Coast is by our Honble Masters Commands receiv'd by the Ship Eastcourt appointed one of the Select Committee for the management of their Country Affairs and Military Operations we therefore desire that he will in your Presence take an Oath of Secrecy agreeable to the Form inclos'd. We are Gentlemen Your most obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
3d. July 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE

FRIDAY THE 4TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.	GOVR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXANDER WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.

The several Papers relating to the Proceedings of the Commissaries of the two Companies in Europe receiv'd in the Eastcourt's Packet from N°. 11 to N°. 18 are now read, also the Orders receiv'd by the same Ship under the Head of Country Government.

During a Time of Cessation of Hostilities, the 39th. Paragraph of the said Orders, speaking of the Debt, requires our more immediate Attention, and it is Resolv'd to settle with the Nabob as soon as he arrives at Arcot, some Plan for collecting on the Company's Account as large a Part of the Revenues as his own unavoidable Expences will permit.

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[4TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*——

The President lays before the Committee a Letter he receiv'd Yesterday from Admiral Watson together with a Draft of his intended Answer which is approv'd the Letter and Answer are as follow

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

Sir

By all the Accounts receiv'd from Europe, it appears to me that the Differences subsisting between the English and French East India Companies were far from being settled. The French in Europe could not possibly be appriz'd of the Provisional Treaty concluded and agreed on here in December last We are sensible they are not unacquainted with the Progress of their Affairs in the Province of Golcondah, and how much they have that at Heart. It is natural therefore to Suppose they will send out a considerable Number of Recruits and Warlike Stores in order to secure their Possessions as well as to extend themselves in so advantageous a part of India. and as many of these are already arriv'd, I make no doubt if they can act unobserv'd, they will not scruple to infringe on the 9th. Article of the foremention'd Treaty; therefore I think it incumbent on us to keep a watchful Eye over them and not suffer our Selves to be amus'd by false Pretensions, but oppose whatever may be deem'd a manifest Breach of that Treaty.

You will excuse my troubling you again on this Subject as it appears to me to be a Point of much importance; I must therefore beg leave to recommend it to your Serious Consideration, and I hope you will not suffer the French to go on unnoticed in pursuing any Scheme contrary to the true Intent and meaning of the Treaty, when We have it in our Power to prevent them. Whatever over [*sic*] Acts of Violence the French may commit, be assur'd you shall not want my Assistance in transporting Troops to any part of the Coast, or employing the Squadron on any other Service that may more effectually put a Stop to their Proceedings and bring them to Reason.

I have at present Nothing further to offer than to assure you I remain with real Esteem Sir Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Fort St. David
30th. June 1755.

CHAS. WATSON.

To CHARLES WATSON ESQR. REAR ADMIRAL OF THE RED AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA.

Sir

You will before the Receipt of this which is to thank you for your favour of the 30th. June have had your Advices from Europe by the last Ship as I forwarded them immediately on opening the Packet. What our Company recommends to us the most strong are (the Steps we have fortunately taken) the Settling a Truce and forming a Provisional Treaty. I am extremely oblig'd to you for so freely and warmly communicating your Thoughts on this Subject and I agree entirely with You that We should be in readiness to maintain our Rights and not rely on any Promises of the French You may depend upon it Sir that I will never quietly suffer any Infringement of the Truce or the least Encroachment on our Priviledges, The Company seems to be in the Same Resolution, they have sent out as many Men as their Ships could conveniently bring and I doubt not in the least but We should be able with your Assistance to reduce the French to a more moderate way of thinking. Should any steps of theirs make it necessary for us to take up Arms. As yet they have attempted Nothing that could warrant our so doing, and I imagine they will chuse to avoid it untill they have their Superiours Sense of the Treaty concluded between us.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*—— [4TH.]

Give me leave to congratulate you on the Promotion you have lately had; No man can more sincerely rejoice on the Occasion as well on the Public Account as for my Regard for you.

I have the Honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant

Fort St. George
4th. July 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Major Heron.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GOVR &CA. COMMITTEE AT FORT ST. GEORGE. No. 5

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday I receiv'd your Letter of the 14th. Instant and am very glad it is agreeable to you I should quit the Command of the Army which for some Time past has been very troublesome to me on Account of my ill State of Health, chiefly occasion'd by the great Fatigue and many Vexations I have met with in the Service.

I shall acquaint the Nabob that Capt. Polier is order'd to attend him to Arcot, and hasten his Departure from hence as soon as possible.

I propose leaving the Army early to morrow Morning & shall make as much expedition as my Health will allow of; I have order'd a State of the Army to be made out which I shall deliver you on my Arrival at Madrass. I am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Worriore
23d. June 1755.

ALEXR. HERON.

As by the Arrival of our Recruits from Europe the Garrison is become very numerous, it is Agreed to send to Arcot and Changalapet all the Men that are here belonging to the Companies of Capt Howes and Captain Gauppe the Commanders of those Garrisons which at present stand in need of a Reinforcement; and as no Batta is allow'd at those Places, this will not cause any additional Expence.

The President acquaints the Committee that he has advice from Mr. Preston Commissary at Madarantegum that the Nabob's Garrison in the Fort of Carangoly having large Arrears of pay due to them are become very discontented and Troublesome; that part of them have already quitted the Place and gone to Arcot to demand their Pay and the Rest are inclin'd to take the same Step. As the Fort by this Means may be left quite destitute of Defence it is agreed to Direct Capt. Gauppe to send a Party of Sepoys from Changalapet to take Charge of it for the present, and to write at the same Time to Abdul Vahab Cawn to desire him to pay off the Arrears due to his People, and to represent to him the bad Consequences that must unavoidably attend his neglecting to do this Regularly.

And the President further informs the Committee that Complaints have been made to him by Nina the Renter of the Changalapet Country and Capt Gauppe who commands that Fort, of Disturbances caus'd by a Dispute between two Polligars nam'd Wirum Rajah and Bab Rajah who both pretend a Right to the Government of the Utiwaukam Wood, situated between Covelong and Changalapet. An Arbitration was agreed on, appointed and assembled at Tricheconum to decide of their Pretensions but Wirum Rajah finding that his were likely to be confuted, would no longer submit to the Judgment of the Arbitrators, retir'd to his Woods and is making new Disturbances; This Man pav'd the way to his Pretensions by the Murder of his Father and Uncle and has maintain'd himself by Oppressions; It is therefore the

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Opinion of the Committee that the best way of putting an End to the Contest is to secure Wirum Rajah, and Agreed that Orders be sent Capt. Gauppe to watch an Opportunity of doing it and send him hither.

As no Answer is come to the Letter wrote M^r· Leyrit the 20^th· of last Month on the Subject of the contested Districts, it is agreed now to forward a Duplicate of it, and again to demand a Reply to the Answer made by M^r· Paccard to the Aspersions thrown on his Character by M^r· Godeheu which Answer was forwarded to Pondicherry in March last.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R· WYNCH.
WILL^M· PERCEVAL.
ROB^T· PALK.

Sent a Letter from the President to M^r· Leyrit of this Date agreeable to this Morning's Resolutions as enter'd in the French Correspondence N^o· 60.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

SATURDAY 12TH. JULY.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R· GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT	
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEX^R· WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob's Vakeel has inform'd him of a Dispute that has arisen between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman who were both in Alliance with the Nabob during the War but are likely now to come to a Rupture; The King of Tanjore claiming two Countries which did formerly belong to his Dominions but have for many Years been in quiet Possession of Tondaman. Although the Committee are not able to judge of these different Pretensions they think it necessary to prevent, if possible a Breach between two Powers who have both been firm Friends to our Cause, the President is therefore desir'd to write to the King of Tanjore & Monogee & Tondaman to desire them to depend on our Mediation, and it is agreed to write to Captain Caillaud to use his utmost Endeavours to bring them to an amicable Accomodation & to M^r· Newton at Tanjore to forward it all in his Power.

Agreed that also a Present be sent to the King of Tanjore of a Watch a Gun and a pair of Pistolls, and to Monogee a Gun and a pair of Pistolls.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Capt. Polier.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R· PRESIDENT
AND GOVERN^R· &C^A· COMMITTEE OF FORT S^T· GEORGE.

Honour'd Sir & Sirs

I did Myself the Honour to write to you yesterday by which I inform'd you in part of the Nabob's Determination concerning his Departure from hence for Arcot and the Day he had fix'd the 3^d· of next Month, as likewise of the difficulty he found undertaking this march the great Road if I had not your Orders and Power to aid him to chastise and reduce to duty the Places of Elivanasoor & Calcourchey now in Rebellion against him and that are upon this Route. He shew'd unto Captain Caillaud & Myself (as I had the Honour to mention it Yesterday) A Letter he had receiv'd from you in which you told him You had given me Orders concerning it, but as I inform'd

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him I had not receiv'd any, but on the Contrary it was strictly enjoin'd me by the Letter you honour'd me with to prevent all Acts of Hostility on my March, therefore I could not nor ought not to act offensively but only to be on the defensive, if I was attack'd, and that for the safety of his Person; which made him resolve at once (foreseeing the Consequences that might arise from the Chiefs of other Places, should he leave those two on the Route unpunish'd) not to depart hence, and 'twas only on the positive Promise that Capt. Caillaud and Myself made him to write immediately to request your Orders upon this Affair, which We hop'd would be according to his Inclination, that at last he did determine to depart the 3^d. of next Month, This it was hurried me to expedite the preceding This and not to wait for the Returns of the Troops I command as well as of the Cooleys, Bullocks and Stores which I have the Honour to send you this Day.

We shall compleat according to your Order the Garrison of Trichenopoly upon the Fort of 500 Men Rank and File.

I hope to receive your Orders relating to the two Places abovemention'd & that before I reach the first of them.

I will spare no Pains, take the strictest Care & give all necessary Orders to prevent any manner of Disorder or pillaging on the Route, and according to your Command shall punish Severely all Offenders, having Nothing more at Heart than to testify by my Zeal and application to fulfill my Duty how sensible I am of the Confidence you have been pleas'd to Honour me with. I have the Honour to be with the most perfect Submission and Respect Honād Sir & Sirs Your most Humble Your most Obedient & most devoted Servant

Warriore Pagoda
26^th. June 1755.

P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.

Orders having been sent the 1^st. Instant to Captain Polier on the Subject of Ellavanasoor and Calcourchey, the above Letter requires no further Answer.

Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David dated the 7^th. Instant read, advising that M^r. Starke has taken the Oath of Secresy as a Member of the Committee.

The President lays before the Committee a Letter dated the 7^th. Instant from Colonel Adlercron (Enter'd in the Book apart N^o. 6) in Answer to his of the 3^d. wherein he expresses his Surprise that We should insinuate as if he pretended a Right to the Government of the Company's Settlements, declares that he also thinks it highly necessary to keep up a better Harmony than has hitherto subsisted, that he cannot reproach himself with having done any Thing to lessen it, but that the Managers of the Company's Affairs have not taken so much Care on their part, and as an Instance of his being neglected in military Matters mentions his not having receiv'd a Copy of the Provisional Treaty. With regard to the Tryal of the Swiss Deserters he says the Case cannot be determin'd 'till he receives a Copy of the Company's Contract and an Abstract of their Military Laws, after which he will call a Council of War and transmit us their Opinion.

Agreed that a Copy of the 100^th. Paragraph of the Company's Letter dated 24^th. Jañry 1753, on the Subject of their Agreement with the Swiss be sent to Colonel Adlercron with the Abstract of their Military Laws which Capt. Schaub has wrote for to Capt. Polier who has them in Camp, and in Answer to the other part of Colonel Adlercron's Letter the President is desir'd to write him, that We are very glad to observe his Intention of keeping up a better Harmony, which is absolutely necessary for the publick Service, that as the Provisional Treaty does not in the least regard any Military Matters we imagine he must mean the Treaty of Truce of which it is agreed now to transmit him a Copy as M^r. Saunders does not mention the forwarding one in his Letter advising the Conclusion of it.

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Captain Howes advises that the Repairs of Arcot are in great forwardness, and Captain Gauppe writes that he shall according to our Orders endeavour to seize Wirum Raza, but it will be hard to find an Opportunity as he commonly travels by Night and keeps himself generally in Maulrauzes Wood.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
ROBT. PALK.

[13th.] Sent Letters from the President to the King of Tanjore Monogee and Tondaman pursuant to yesterday's Resolutions as enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 126, 127 & 128 also the following Letters to Capt. Caillaud and Mr. Newton.

No. 7 To CAPTAIN CAILLAUD.

Sir

We are inform'd by the Nabob's Vakeel of a Quarrel between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman We would have you endeavour to make it up between them for as they were both our Friends during the Troubles, their Dissention must necessarily weaken our Interest. We leave the Means entirely to your Discretion whether you may find it necessary to confer with them personally, to send any one else, or only to make your Representations to them by Letter. The President has wrote to the King of Tanjore, Monogee & Tondaman to desire they will depend upon your Mediation. We are Sir Your most Obedt. Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
12th. July 1755.

To MR. ANDREW NEWTON.

Sir

Since the Receipt of your Letter I have heard from the Nabob's Vakeel that the Dispute between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman is carried to a great Length. I now write the King and Monogee to recommend to them to make it up amicably & have sent the following Presents which I desire you will see deliver'd.

To the King

A Gun, A Watch and a pair of Pistolls.

To Monogee

A Gun & a pair of Pistolls

If you should have an Opportunity of helping on the Accomodation, you will not fail to use your utmost Endeavours. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
12th. July 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

Receiv'd the following Letters from Capt. Polier and Captain Caillaud advising of the State of the Garrison of Trichinopoly on the present new Regulation and of the disposition made for the Nabob's March for Arcot.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*—— [13ma.]

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r. President
& Gov^r. &c^a. Committee of Fort St. George.

Hon^d. Sir & Sirs

By my two preceeding Letters of the 25^th. & 26^th. June I had the Honour to mention to you the Day appointed by the Nabob for our March from hence being the 3^d. Inst^t & tomorrow, He has not alter'd his Opinion but came out with all his Family, Attendants, & Servants the Day before Yesterday and encamp'd without the Fort by the River Side to be in readiness to cross it without delay, but the Water which is rose to such a height as never has been seen at this Season together with the constant & violent Winds occasion the crossing of this River unpracticable without large Boats & even Dangerous with them which has not prevented the Nabob's Writing to the King of Tanjore to send as soon as possible some large Boats from Tricotpoly, He hopes the King will send them But as this will be a Work of some Time to bring them against the Stream, I of my own part have begg'd of M^r. Goupil Commandant of Cheringham to lend us a large Boat he has upon that River which Favour he granted with all Civility & whatever other Aid he could assist us with to facilitate the Passage But as it would take up several Days to cross the two Rivers or the Great Colleron only at the Head of the Isle with the French Boat alone I have acquiesced with the Nabob we should wait the News of the Boats from Tanjore which will meet with great Difficulty coming up the Colleron against the Stream & these boisterous Winds, and in Case we cannot have them then to cross with the French Boat & a few basket Ones The Nabob being determin'd to do it at all Events the soonest possible There being no Hopes the Waters or Winds will lessen all this Month nor even the next. As soon as We shall have the good Fortune to be on your Side the River I shall not be remiss of doing myself the Honour to acquaint you with the Success of our Passage after which I am in hopes the Remainder of the March will be executed happily & without Obstacles having no other River than one near Volconda to cross which I have had reconnoitred & is reported fordable not being Subject to overflow like the Colleron from the Rains which fall upon the Malabar Coast & by the high Winds.

Yesterday I compleated the Garrison of Trichinopoly thô not ready to march for the Reasons I have given I thought it my Duty to do it the first Instant that the Hoñble Company might be eas'd of part of the Expence of Batta.

I have the Honour to inclose the Returns of the Men sent into the Garrison of Trichinopoly and those remaining under my Command whose Number is but small, I shall be oblig'd to leave several of our Swiss in the Hospital who are unable to march and with them a Serjeant to take Care and bring them to the Coast as soon as their Health will be Re-Establish'd. I have the Honour to be with the profoundest Respect and the most perfect Submission Hon^d. Sir & Sirs Your most Humble your most Obedient and most devoted Servant

Worriore Pagoda
2^d. July 1755.

P. Polier de Bottens.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r. President
& Gov^r. &c^a. Committee of Correspondence. No. 7

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honour inclos'd to send you Gentlemen my Accounts and Returns of the Garrison for the Month of June, as also general Returns of my State and Strength since compleated according to your Orders.

To make up the Garrison five hundred Men I was oblig'd to take in the Coffrees and three Corporals in each Company above the Establishment, which is but six: however that Irregularity, and expence I will take Care shall cease as soon as possible, by not filling up any Vacancy's, untill the Companies are on the proper footing, as

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to that Article. Had I insisted on the five hundred Men Rank and File I must have taken in the Bengal Detatchment; And left with the Army scarce an English Soldier for our Officers to march down with. As it is, there are but a few, and half of them Corporals & Serjeants. I hope this will appear sufficient Gentlemen, for my deviating somewhat from your Orders & Directions.

I have made an equal Division of Europeans & Topasses in each Company; and compleated them according to the Coast Establishment with six Serjeants and four Drummers. I have besides Sixteen Serjeants belonging to companies of Sepoys. They are divided four in each Company and their Subsistance drawn for as belonging to the 4 Companies in the Fort. The other three Companies of Sepoys (as there are nineteen in all) are under the Charge of a Corporal and two private Men. those three are included in the effective Number of the Garrison; As you will see Gentlemen by my Returns.

Capt. Polier is likely to be detain'd here some time longer on Account of the Rivers being so swell'd as not to be fordable. The French are willing to lend what Boats they have and the King of Tanjore has sent one. If the Wind would abate the Rivers may be pass'd, But while it continues to blow with such Violence & augments the Force of the Current the Passage would be very unsafe. The Nabob left Trichinopoly the first of this Month & is encamp'd and ready for the March. All his Family are with him His Brother in Law Keireddy Cawn, & his Mother. He has left in the Garrison as his Killedar, his Father in Law Mirsaib Ally Cawn.

Doctor Wilson having given a Certificate to Ensign Black that the Coast Air was absolutely necessary for the Recovery of his Health, I have given him leave of absence.

My last Letter was of the 15th. June N°. 6 since which I have been honour'd with yours of the 14th. of the same Month N°. 4. I am with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most faithfull Servant

Trichy. J: CAILLAUD.
the 3d. July 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE

THURSDAY THE 17.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL ROBERT PALK.

A Letter just receiv'd from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David with the Copy of one address'd to them by Colonel Adlercron the 14th. Instant read as follow.

TO THE HONBLE THE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN FOR CONDUCTING COUNTRY AFFAIRS AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The Deputy Governour this Day in Council communicated to us an Order sent by Colonel Adlercron to Captains Forbes & Campbell to publish it as a General Order in their respective Garrisons "That no Officer in future should sleep out of the Bounds of Fort St. David without leave from him" and that because they had made some difficulty of complying without our Directions he had put them under an Arrest. As this Proceeding seem'd to us to be entirely inconsistent with the Promise he made your Honour &ca. not to interfere in the Command of the Company's Garrisons, We thought it most prudent to evade it if possible which We did by requesting it of him

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by Letter to Stop the Proceedings 'till We could receive your Directions. His Answer is enclos'd by which you may see he is determin'd to carry his Point, and that We could not make any further Opposition without driving Matters to extremity. We therefore have been oblig'd to acquiesce. As We are apprehensive this may be but the Prelude to Demands of more Consequence, We must beg it as a favour you'll be as explicite as possible in your Instructions how we are to conduct ourselves in future or else We shall be liable to continual Difficulties.

We are with Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servants RICHD. STARKE—HUGH NORRIS—RICHD. FAIRFIELD—CHAS. TURNER.

Fort St. David
14th. July 1755.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND THE COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Gentlemen

Captains Roderick Forbes and Charles Campbell having refus'd to deliver an Order sent by me the 11th Instant, to their Respective Commands, is such a Manifest Attack on the King's Power, and the military Authority his Majesty has been pleas'd to confer on me that I cannot avoid taking immediate Notice of it and as I see no Necessity for having recourse to the Presidency on this Occasion I think proper to inform you that unless the Order is issued out this Day to the Troops in Fort St. David and Cuddalore, I shall tomorrow give Directions for a General Court Martial to assemble on Thursday the 17th. Instant for the Tryal of those Gentlemen.

I am Geñtn Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Garden House near
Fort St. David
14th. July 1755.

JNO. ADLERCRON.

Colonel Adlercron's directing an Order to be publish'd in the Garrisons of Fort St. David and Cuddalore without acquainting the Deputy Governour, and putting the Commandants immediately under Arrest because they declin'd doing it without the Knowledge and Approbation of the Deputy Governour is a Conduct not only very surprizing in itself, but also directly contradictory to the Promise made by him in his Letter to the President and Council dated 16th. Decemr. last, and to the frequent Declarations made in his Letters since " that he does not pretend a Right to the Government of the Company's Settlements ". The Committee however being willing to avoid so disagreeable a Correspondence as the Discussion of this point by Letter must necessarily introduce, and being desirous besides of conferring with Colonel Adlercron on the State of the Affairs of this Coast compar'd with the Advices receiv'd from Europe, as well as concerning the Expedition propos'd by the Governour and Council of Bombay for the Attack of Angria whereon Mr. Bourchier desires the Assistance of His Majesty's Troops if they can be spar'd from this Coast; Do Agree that only a short Representation be made to Colonel Adlercron of our Sentiments on his late proceeding and that he be requested to come for a few Days to Madrass where we hope to Settle all these Disputes.

The following Letter from Capt. Polier read.

TO THE HOÑBLE THE GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL.

Hoñd Sir & Sirs

At that Instant of Time I had order'd the Troops I command under Arms to march hence to Chaclipolam where I propos'd by the help of the French Boat to cross

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the Rivers with the Nabob & the Army I receiv'd a Line from Captain Caillaud noting he believ'd it necessary to defer my March untill he had communicated some fresh Advice, I hesitated not to see him, he gave me the Advice he had receiv'd that Eider Naigue was upon the March with Forces to rejoin the French to whom he was bringing 6 Lacks of Rupees. We consulted whether 'twas prudent upon the Terms he (Capt. Caillaud) was with Mr. Maissin on the Subject of the Countries of Arialoor & Worriarpollam, upon the point of seeing the Truce broke should Mr. Maissin & the French persist in their Pretensions to these two Countries to risque with my small Force to cross the Colleron & escort the Nabob to Arcot by the strait & ready Road. We concluded upon the certain Advice of Eyder Naigues Return upon whom we could not depend for the Observation of the Treaty of Peace settled between the two Nations. It would be imprudent to expose the Nabob and all his Family to the bad Faith of the Mysoreans and to the Envy as appears in the last Letter Capt. Caillaud Receiv'd from Mr. Maissin (which undoubtedly was not wrote without the participation of Pondicherry) that the French are inclin'd to break the Peace before its Time; For this Reason we were both of Opinion to endeavour to prevail on the Nabob to take the Deve Cotah Route and waited on him for that Purpose. The Nabob very readily fell into our way of thinking and it was agreed together that We might avoid the great Quantity of Waters & deep Rivers in the Tanjore Country to take our Route in the Island passing the Covery at Coilladdy marching down till near Deve Cotah and to begin our March this Morning. This was our last resolve but your Letter of the 25th. June to Colonel Heron which I receiv'd yester-night at Seven, gave other Reasons to postpone our march untill I had consulted with Capt. Caillaud and that We had taken our measures relating to the Orders you have honour'd me with in the Absence of Colonel Heron concerning the Succours I ought to give Capt. Caillaud to act in Conjunction, Oppose with our Force & drive back the French should any part of their Troops enter the Countries of Arioloor & Worriarpollam, By Virtue of the Orders you honour'd me with I prolong'd the Departure of the Army for Arcot & this Morning consulted with Capt. Caillaud upon the properest Measures to be taken for opposing the French should they still persist the entering one of these two Countries commit Hostilities and exact Tribute. Having thoroughly examin'd our own Situation, The almost unsurmountable Difficulties of crossing the Covery & Colleron without Assistance from the French and the smallness of the Army we could form with all my Troops & part of the Garrison of Trichenopoly, the superiour Strength of the French who have 400 Men at Cheringham & above 300 under Maissin's Command exclusive of their great Number of Sepoys together with Eyder Naigue's shortly joining them, besides the great Convenieney the nearness Pondicherry affords them to reinforce themselves That We unanimously concluded not having at present Strength enough to repell Force by Force the only Method Capt Caillaud had to take was to continue protesting against the Infractions of Peace in case Mr. Maissin should persevere to enter the aforesaid Countries in Opposition to Capt. Caillaud's Protest and the Nabob's lawfull Right to these his two tributary Countries that then the Treaty of Peace is broken on the French Side and that no longer Measures are to be kept with them as Hon'd Sir & Sirs you have more than sufficient Strength upon this Coast to act offensively and defensively against your Enemies. Forgive the Liberty of this Reflection which arises from my Zeal for the Honble Company's Service. To conclude upon the Desire you seem to have for the Nabob's being with all convenient Dispatch at Arcot 'Twas that We determin'd to keep our Resolution of Yesterday which is to march to morrow morning with the Nabob and his Family taking our Route to the lower part of the Island untill DeveCotah Capt. Caillaud has the Honour to inform you of the last Letter he receiv'd from Mr. Maissin who as I think would establish upon a very bad Foundation the Rights he pretends the French Company has acquir'd on these two forementiond Countries.

I shall have the Honour to inform you of our March as soon as We have cross'd the Covery.

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I have the Honour of being with profound Respect Hond. Sir & Sirs Your most Humble most Obedient and most devoted Servant

Warriore Pagoda
8th. July 1755.

P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.

The Committee approve of Capt. Polier's altering his Route for Arcot as well on Account of the depth & Rapidity of the Rivers as to avoid exposing the Nabob and his Family to any Insults from the French. Agreed that a Party of one hundred and fifty Men be immediately detached from this Garrison under the Command of Capt. Spears to march overland & join him near DeveCotah with three Companies of Sepoys from Fort St. David, & that five Companies more of Sepoys from that Place be order'd hither, as We have not sufficient for our Ordinary Occasions & those that are here have been for a long Time on constant Duty.

Receiv'd also the following Letter from Capt. Caillaud with Copy of Mr. Maissin's Answer to his former Representation on the Subject of the Arioloor Country, and his Reply.

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs No. 8.

I was honour'd with your Orders Gentlemen of the 20th. and 25th. of June No. 5 & 6. The Night your second Letter came to hand I receiv'd one also from Mr. Maissin, Copy of which & my Answer I now enclose.

One Mr. Flacourt Commissary of the French Troops (whose Name you will find Gentlemen in Mr. Maissin's Letter) is just arriv'd from the Mysore Capital. What has been agreed on in General between them I am ignorant of; but this one particular is fact that Heyder Naigue is marching down this way with 6000 Men and eight Lack of Rupees.

I communicated this Intelligence to Capt. Polier who intended marching the next Day the high Road to Arcot by crossing the Covery and Calleron, but on this Advice considering the small number of Men he had to escort so large a Train as the Nabob, and all his family, The Situation of the Troops in the Country he was to pass through, The Garrison of Syringham, Mr. Maissin's Party ready perhaps to favour Heydernaigue in an Attempt which if it succeeded might be of such Advantage; all these Reasons, and the Nabob being of the same Opinion, made Capt. Polier change his intended Route by marching thrô the Tanjore Country, so striking off somewhere between Fort St. David and Deve Cotah for Arcot.

I consulted also according to your Orders Gentlemen with Capt Polier; Whether he had better wait with the Army untill We could receive an Answer to my Letter from Mr. Maissin. To the best of our Judgments we agreed that it was better for him to march. the following were our Reasons, & hope they'll meet with your Approbation.

Had Mr. Maissin's Answer, or way of acting oblig'd us according to your Orders to form a Detachment to be sent against him, the Detachment could not have march'd on Account of the two Rivers, which are to be cross'd, & which at this Season till the latter end of August are commonly unfordable & We have no Boats. As the Detachment then could not have march'd however We might have remonstrated; We thought it best for the publick Good at least to do one thing, which you seem'd desirous of Gentlemen; The March of the Nabob down to Arcot. I will also venture to say that even had the Rivers been fordable we neither of us thought that such a Detachment as We could spare was to be ventur'd in prudence If we could have avoided it.

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Mr. Maissin with his Party of three hundred Men is within 4 Days march of Pondicherry and two of Syringham; so that he could have got Reinforcements from either; or both of those Places as soon as We could have march'd to him. You know Gentlemen that the first Events in a War often decide its Success So that if possible the first Stroke should not be left to Chance, at least an Equality and if possible a Superiority, which our Numbers would not allow of had We sent a Party. But I beg Pardon Gentlemen for making Reflexions which certainly have not escap'd you if applicable in this Case. I will endeavour by my Protests to protract and delay Time untill such Measures can be taken by you Gentlemen as will best secure your Interests against the Incroachments of our Neighbours.

I have just now receiv'd a Complaint from the Worriarpollam Polligar of a Summons sent by Mr. Maissin. I shall write to him immediately letting him know that those two Polligars are to be esteem'd on the same footing as Tributaries to the Nabob. I shall also inclose a Copy of the Acknowledgements made by that Polligar to the Nabob.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect Honble Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient & faithful hum Servt.

Trichenopoly
8th. July 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

Copy of Mr. Maissin's Letter dated 28th. June.

Sir

I could not reply immediately, as I should have been glad to do, to the Letter you did me the Honour to write me on the Subject of the Representations made to Trichinopoly by the Chief of Arioloor, upon the Demand I made of the Sums he owes us. I was so little acquainted with the Affairs of that District that I was oblig'd to inform myself; This is the Account I have receiv'd; That at the Time when Mr. De Mainville commanded at Syringham, Nandirauze sent one of the Chiefs nam'd Andirnaig with some Troops to plunder the Villages of Arioloor, upon the Polygar's refusing to pay the Tribute. He desir'd an Accomodation, and sent Narsingaraw his Vakeel to Chelingham, who in Consequence of his Master's Orders settled with us. The Agreement was that he should give forty-five thousand Rupees in three different Payments; The first was punctually made, The Polligar was afterwards left undisturb'd, and the fear of bad Weather at the Time when our Troops set out from Syringham to Pondicherry, prevented Mr. De St. Aulas, who commanded them, from waiting long enough to demand the full Paymt. He sent some Detachments which he recall'd again to continue his March; Why did you not then lay in your Claim? It was undoubtedly the Same then as it is now because you have acquir'd no Rights since; it must be said to this that you did not think you had any, or that the Chief of Arioloor knowing very well that the Tribute was due to Nandirauze, did not write to you; Indeed Sir his Rights over that Country have been acknowledg'd a long Time by yourselves Gentlemen, and by your Nabob, as you will see in the Sequel of this Letter; but even should these be disputable, those we have acquir'd since are incontestable, and in whatever Sense it can be taken Arioloor owes us this Tribute because We have acquir'd Rights over him.

You will allow Sir that this Polligar although Tributary to Trichenopoly has his particular Rights as an Independent Chief, and that in this Quality he can enter into new Ingagements, whether by Force or by Choice from Views of Interest or other Motives, and that it is for him to whom the Tribute is paid to keep him in Order; and prevent his passing under any other Governmt.

I must repeat to you Sir that We have Rights over Arioloor, and that you lost yours the Instant that he enter'd into Engagements with us: I dont know that you have acquir'd any since by the way of Arms and you cannot at this Time accept any that may be propos'd to you because it is stipulated by the Treaty that every one shall keep what he has.

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——*FORT S^T. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*—— [17^th.]

Are you ignorant Sir that all the Dependencies of Trichenopoly were given to Nandirauze for Security and discharge of the Sums he advanc'd while he was your Ally? The Perwanas he has from M^r. Saunders your former Governour, and from your Nabob, all which he has Shewn M^r. Flacourt Commissary of our Troops are a Proof. On what then pray can you found your pretended Rights over Arioloor? You have none at all, because from that Time Nandirauze has been in peaceable Possession; It is with his Consent and conformably to what he has wrote to M^r. Leyrit our Governour, that we demand the Sums due; and the Letters which the Chief of Arioloor has address'd to Trichenopoly are only a Design to evade paying the Sums We demand, but he is not the less our Tributary, & this ill will on his part does not disengage him from our Jurisdiction, and you will be pleas'd to allow Sir that our Conduct is by no means contrary to the Spirit of the Treaties; since the Matter is to receive from a Subject the Money he owes us, and that yours would be exactly the Opposite if you should take the part of a Rebell. I am persuaded Sir that you was not well inform'd of the Validity of our Rights when you wrote to me; for the rest it is for our Governours to adjust the Point. I have the Honour to be with perfect Consideration Sir &c^a.

Copy of the Answer to M^r. Maissin's Letter dated 8^th. 1755.

Sir

I have been honour'd with yours of the 28^th. of June, Permit me to answer your Letter by one Question. Can you produce Sir any Writing from that Polligar by which he acknowledges himself tributary to your Nation, or to Nandirauze your Ally; and by which he also promises to pay the annual Tribute to either of you. If there is no such Writing to produce Sir, that sum of Money which the Polligar promis'd & paid part of, can only certainly be deem'd a Contribution, which gives no Right over a Country I appeal Sir to what you say in your last Letter. "*The Polligar sent his Vakeel to Camp, who settled and agreed in the Name of his "Master to pay the Sum of forty five Thousand Rupees.*" What did he promise to pay that Sum for? certainly to save his Country from being plunder'd, & not as a Tribute. A Promise may be sufficient perhaps for the Payment of a Contribution, but surely to pay an Annual Tribute some form in Writing must be given, & such a Form is absolutely necessary to be produc'd to prove the Arioloor Polligar is your Tributary.

As to the Rights you say Sir Nandirauze has over the whole Country dependent on Trichenopoly by the Phirmaunds which he has shewn to your Commissary, given by the Nabob & the late Governour Saunders; I am surpriz'd Sir from such an Argument you would endeavour to prove your Rights on Arioloor or any other Polligar in the Country. Allowing such Phirmaunds to have been given (tho I own I am ignorant of it) yet surely you cannot be ignorant Sir, they were given to Nandirauze as an Ally, on Condition that he would support the Nabob in his Right, & settle him in the quiet Possession of the Carnateck; how well he kept his part of the Agreement you also cannot be ignorant of, how then can such Phirmaunds be of any Validity when the Conditions they were given on, and the Agreements made were openly & publickly violated, by Nandirauze's changing Sides, & ever after acting as an Enemy against the Nabob?

You are under another Mistake Sir if you think that this Application which the Polligar has made to the Nabob is the first, no Sir he made one when the first Demands were made on him by your Troops, after the Truce; Your Detachment having march'd away immediately after was the Reason it was not represented at that Time, as well as now; Besides Sir he has made remonstrances to the Nabob (as his Master) the whole War; & had our Forces been a little more equally divided, he would hardly have suffer'd Nandirauze to have rais'd Contributions in his Country.

In Short Sir all the Rights in my Opinion you can have over the Arioloor Polligar amount to no more than the Payment of what remains due of a Sum exacted by

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Force: which certainly as I have said before can be deem'd no more than a Contribution. But as you say Sir it is our Respective Governours that are to decide, as the Case is fairly stated between us. I flatter myself as you have appealed to them you will wait for their Decision; Otherwise if not paying any Regard to this Remonstrance, you should again commence Acts of Hostility against the Polligar of Arioloor, I must esteem them as a Breach of the Truce subsisting between the two Nations, & in Consequence Sir, oppose by Force whatever you might undertake.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect and Consideration Sir Your most Obedient Hble Servant

J. CAILLAUD.

The Committee see no Reason to alter the Resolution made the 25th. of last Month on the Subject of the Arioloor Country in Consequence of which Capt. Caillaud was Order'd to oppose by Force any Attempts they might make against that Polligar, but as Capt. Polier has now mov'd this way with the Army it is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud in case the Force of the French should be so considerable that he cannot with Security to his Garrison detach a sufficient Number of Men to act against them, he is to content himself with protesting against the Commanding Officer of the French Troops.

But as so notorious a Breach of the Truce would oblige us to make Reprizals, which might perhaps renew the Troubles, It is Agreed to use all possible Means to avoid the Occasion by representing to Mr. De Leyrit that the Arioloor Polligar has never acknowledg'd any other but the Nabob, and desiring that he will prevent Mr. Maissin's proceeding to any Hostilities against him, as We should regard such an Action as an Open Infringement of the Treaties.

The President and Council of Bombay having desir'd their Detachment might be return'd to them on the Protector which Ship is now ready to sail for Fort St. David in her way thither, It is Agreed to direct Mr. Starke to embark Capt. Forbes's Detachment on her, but Capt. Ziegler with the Swiss Company being at Camp cannot be sent by this Conveyance, a Letter is order'd to be prepar'd to advise the President and Council of Bombay of these Circumstances and that Capt. Zieglers Company shall follow by the first Opportunity, unless any Alteration of Affairs on this Coast should render it absolutely necessary for us to detain them.

Agreed that Colonel Adlercron be advis'd of the foregoing Resolution and of the intended March of Captain Spears.

Captains Howes and Gauppe advise of the Arrival of the Detachments sent to Arcot and Changalapet in Consequence of the Resolution made the 4th. Instant.

Letter from Mr. Maunsell Commissary at Camp read inclosing a Return of the Store of Provisions in that Garrison of Trichenopoly the 30th. June, by which it appears there was sufficient for the Subsistence of three Thousand Men Two Hundred and Eighty Days.

Captain Maskelyne and Lieutenant Preston, Commissaries for enquiring concerning the contested Districts having both Occasion to return into Garrison and the former being intended shortly to relieve Capt. Howes in the Command of Arcot; it is Agreed that Lieut. John Reith and Ensign Robert Bannatyne be appointed Commissaries in their Stead and Instructions are now order'd to be prepar'd for them.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
ROBT. PALK.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*—— [18th.]

Sent the following Letters pursuant to Yesterdays Resolutions.

From the President to Mr. Leyrit of this Date as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 61.

From the President to Colonel Adlercron two Letters dated 17th. & 18th Instant as enter'd No. 7 & 8.

Colonel Heron arrives from Camp.

General Letters of this Date to Mr. Starke, Capt. Polier and Capt. Caillaud Viz.t.

To RICHARD STARKE Esqr. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

We have receiv'd the Letter of the 14th. Instant sign'd by you and the Council ; As the Subject of it is an Affair which falls under the Consideration of the Committee it should have come only from you.

We inclose two Letters from the President to Colonel Adlercron, which after perusing you will send to him. You will see therein what are our Sentiments of his Conduct on this Occasion, and that We hope to settle the Point with him in Person. You need therefore take no further Notice of it, but continue to give your Orders as usual in the Garrisons of Fort St. David and Cuddalore.

Colonel Adlercron has represented that the Carriages of his Majesty's Train are in a bad Condition and desires they may be look'd into. We do not find that he has ever made any Application to you on this Subject, whenever he does you will please to furnish him immediately with what Workmen and Materials he may require.

The Protector saild this Morning for Fort St. David, where Captain Forbes and all the Men of his Command that are with you are to be embark'd for Bombay. Coll. Adlercron is advis'd of this, and We desire you will give Orders for their being in readiness ; Capt. Armstrong Lieut.t Palmer & Ensign Black have receiv'd here two Month's Batta for the Expence of the Voyage and We desire you will pay the same Allowance to the rest of the Officers of the Detachment : for the Men's Provisions are put on board.

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
18th. July 1755.

To CAPTAIN POLIER.

Sir No. 8

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 2d. & 8th. Instant and approve of the Resolution you took with the Nabob of coming the Deve Cotah Road as well on Account of the Depth and rapidity of the Rivers as of the large Force of the French expected to be join'd by the Mysoreans ; for although We do not imagine they are desirous of breaking the Truce it was better not to Subject the Nabob and his Family to the Danger of being molested.

We have order'd Captain Spears to march with a Reinforcement of one hundred and fifty Men for you. He is to take the Route of Devecotah and to halt or endeavour to join you wherever you may Direct ; You will therefore send him Orders accordingly.

We are Sir Your most Obed.t Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGR. LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—AR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
18th. July 1755.

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To CAPT. JOHN CAILLAUD.

No. 8 Sir

Since We wrote you N°. 7 under Date the 12th. We have receiv'd your Advices of the 3d. and 8th. Instant with the Copies of Mr. Maissin's Answer to your Letter of the 15th. June and your Reply. We hope these Representations will have prevented Mr. Maissin's further Proceeding for We are of Opinion with you that considering the Depth of the Rivers and the Numbers of the French added to the News of the Mysoreans it would have been imprudent to attempt to do it by Force even with the Assistance of Capt. Polier ; We are therefore glad you resolv'd together that he should come by the Devecotah Road. We have wrote to Mr. Leyrit concerning Arioloor, but as yet have heard nothing from him on the Subject. Should the Mysoreans enter that Country or any other belonging to the Nabob, You will summons the French Commandants both at Syringham and in the Field to join you against them by virtue of the Truce, and if they do not comply, protest against them in a regular manner. You yourself will be the best Judge when forcible Measures may be justifiable and we rely on your prudence herein.

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE —HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
18th. July 1755.

20TH. Dispatch'd to Fort St. David the following Letter to the President and Council of Bombay to be sent by the Protector.

To THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR. &C. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of what you wrote to the President and Council under date the 23d. May we have order'd Captain Forbes with all the Men of his Command that are at Fort St. David to be embark'd on the Protector which was dispatch'd for that Place Yesterday to take them on board.

Captain Zieglers Company being in Camp could not come to the Coast in time to be return'd by this Conveyance and Commodore James acquaints us besides that he should not have been able to carry more Men than he will now have. We shall send them by the next Opportunity unless any Alteration of Affairs should render it absolutely necessary for us to keep them some Time longer in which Case We doubt not your Honour &ca. will chearfully dispense with it.

We have laid in Provisions for the Men and given the Officers two Months Batta. Should you have any Advices to favour us with on the Subject of these Men or any other Military or Naval Operations, You will please to direct your Letters to the Committee for the Management of Country Affairs in which Quality we now address you and are HoÑble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBT. PALK.

Fort St. George
20th. July 1755.

We have order'd Mr. Starke to forward to you from St. David the Accounts relating to the Detachment.

21. Sent a General Letter to Capt. Maskelyne & Lieut. Preston advising that We have appointed Messrs. Reith & Bannatyne Commissaries (Enter'd in the Commissaries Proceedings N°. 87.)

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Deliver'd Messrs. Reith & Bannatyne their Instructions as Commissaries as enter'd N°. 88.

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Leyrit, as enter'd in the French Correspondence N°. 62 to advise him of this new Appointment of Commissaries.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Leyrit to the President dated the 19th. Instant as enter'd N°. 63. 23.

Receiv'd a Letter from Colonel Adlercron to the President dated the 21st. Instant as enter'd N°. 9.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

THURSDAY THE 24TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL — ROBERT PALK.

Mr. Leyrit in his Letter N°. 63 recapitulates all the Arguments in favour of his Pretensions to the contested Districts which tend entirely to prove that Mirza Amean Beg was not regular Governour for the Nabob of the Carangoly Districts but a Plunderer; The Memorial enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries N°. 89. sign'd by the principal Inhabitants of that Country & presented to the President shews that Mirza Amean Beg was appointed by a Regular Saned in the Month of August 1754. that he nam'd Overseers in the usual manner for each Sumet or head Village, which Overseers were acting at the Time of the Suspension; A certain Proof of the Nabob's Possession. Agreed therefore to send Mr. Leyrit a Copy of the said Memorial together with a general List of the contested Districts as enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commissaries N°. 90. shewing that the French seiz'd above two hundred Villages about the 30th. October 1754. And Order'd that a full Answer to the Historical Memorial transmitted by Mr. Leyrit be prepar'd to accompany the above together with a Letter reciting in one Plain View the several Pieces We have already sent as Evidence on our Part.

Colonel Adlercron by his Letter of the 21st. Instant now read in Answr. to the Presidents of the 17th. & 18th. seems to be quite regardless of the Promise he made to the President & Council in his Letter of the 16th. December last; and openly threatens to retract it. It has been often represented to Colonel Adlercron that his taking upon him the entire Command of the Military in the Company's Garrisons must be attended with great Prejudice to their Affairs and it is Agreed now again to set forth to him the bad Effects which might attend such a Proceeding; A Proceeding which at the same Time it would be hard to reconcile with his Majesty's Instructions to Colonel Adlercron which expressly say that the Troops are sent abroad for the Service & Benefit of the East India Company & in support of their just Rights and Priviledges.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Capt. Polier.

TO THE HOÑBLE THE GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL.

Hond. Sir & Sirs

I receiv'd yesterday the Honour of yours of the 1st. concerning my Conduct relating to the Killedars and Officers the Nabob should think fit to change or oblige to settle with him.

I certainly will not fail conforming to your Orders and shall not act against the Chiefs of Elivanasore and Calcourchey nor others of whom the Nabob may ask to account with without first being thoroughly convinc'd they are of those People who

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acknowledg'd the Nabob the 11th. of October last. I beg the Favour that you will rest persuaded I shall use the utmost Endeavours to answer as I ought the Confidence you have pleas'd to honour me with.

I hope you have receiv'd the Letter I had the Honr. of writing you the 8th. Instant, and one from Capt. Caillaud, where We both had the Honr. to give you the Reasons which determin'd us I should not take the great Road with the Nabob from Trichinopoly to Arcot; I hope you have not disapprov'd of them, Capt. Caillaud has certain Advice Mr. Maissin & his Detachment had Orders to observe our Army and that Mr. Law was to march with 200 French & 100 Germans from Pondicherry to Golcondah by the way of Arcot with the Same cautionary Orders. The uneasiness express'd by the Syringham Gentlemen on our change of Rout creates many Conjectures upon their former Projects, had the Nabob & his Family pass'd the Colleron. I left Warriore the 9th. went and encamp'd at Calli Cotah preadvancing the Nabob that I might cross over the River our Artillery and Baggage before he join'd us with his large burthensome Train of Attendants Followers &ca. It took us up the 10th. & 11th. by the help of a Tanjore Boat to cross the whole and yesterday I pass'd with all the Troops except an Officer & 30 Men I left to receive the Nabob who arriv'd at 4 the same Evening. to Day he & all his People cross'd & join'd us. I gave him your Letter Yesterday he does not seem to decline the Design he had & still entertains of punishing the Chiefs of Elivanasore & Calcourchey who are not much out of our Rout from St. Davids to Arcot and has promis'd me a True and candid List of all the Heads of Places & Villages who acknowledg'd him the 11th. October last. however I shall not act against any if I don't receive subsequent Orders to those of the 1st. without all necessary Precautions and after being well inform'd from other Quarters. the Nabob waits his Mother he assures me She will be here to morrow so that I march the 15th. to Candor where they assure me between the Breach between the Covery & Colleron the first running into the last the Passage is very easy. Here it is extreme difficult & will take up much Time thus Hoñd Sir & Sirs if the Passage is as easy as the People assure and represent we shall cross the Covery there into the Island, else continue our march through the Tanjore Country to Deve Cotah. I shall take Care to send Hircarras both Routs to meet Hircarras on either Rout who you may have disptach'd & give strict Charge to bring them to me. I have the Honr. of being with the profoundest of Respect & strictest Truth Hond. Sir and Sirs Your most humble Your most Obedient and most devoted Servant

Camp near Coilladdy
13th. July 1755.

P. Polier de Bottens.

The Committee do not find it necessary to give Captain Polier any fresh Instructions in Answer to the foregoing Letter.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.
Robt. Palk.

[26TH.] Sent a Letter from the President to Colonel Adlercron of this Date in Answer to his of the 21st. as enter'd No. 10.

27 The Proceedings of the General Court martial held here the 14th. & 15th. Instant having been transmitted to Colonel Adlercron and approv'd, the President receiv'd from him this Morning a Dead Warrant for the Execution of John De Bore in consequence of the Sentence of the said General Court Martial.

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Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Colonel Adlercron (as enter'd N°. 11) to acknowledge the Receipt of the Dead Warrant for the execution of John De Bore, & inclosing him a Letter for the Nabob by way of Introduction in case he should call at Fort St. David and the Colonel chuse to pay him a Visit.

Colonel Lawrence receiv'd a Letter from Colonel Adlercron as enter'd N°. 12. 29
desiring to know whether he can attend at Fort St. David to assist at the Councils of War of which he is one of the Members appointed by his Majesty. Colonel Lawrence thought it necessary to lay this Letter before the Committee of which also he is a Member, and which is the General Council mentiond in his Majesty's Instructions to Colonel Adlercron to be appointed for considering and resolving on the proper Plans of Operation.

Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Leyrit to the President dated the 27th. Instant as 30th.
enter'd in the French Correspondence N°. 65.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT		WEDNESDAY THE 30TH.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY	
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH	
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.	

Colonel Adlercron's abovemention'd Letter to Colonel Lawrence being read and taken into Consideration the Committee are of Opinion that Colonel Lawrence's Presence cannot at this Time, where there are no Military Operations going forward, be so necessary at the Councils of War assembled by Colonel Adlercron, as at this Board, but as the said Letter treats entirely of publick Affairs the Committee recommend it to Colonel Lawrence only to acknowledge the Receipt of it & acquaint Colonel Adlercron that he has laid it before the General Council and the President is desir'd to reply to it and to represent to Colonel Adlercron that as Colonel Lawrence is one of the General Council it would be more regular that his Commands should pass through that Channel, and that his addressing himself on this Occasion directly to Colonel Lawrence without even acquainting the President or the General Council is failing somewhat in that Respect which he insists so much on himself.

In Answer to the other Part of Colonel Adlercron's Letter to Colonel Lawrence concerning the Sepoys order'd from Fort St. David, and Capt. Spears's March, the President is desir'd to give him a Detail of the Reasons why those Sepoys were so orderd, although they are such as he can be no judge of, the Disturbances among the Polligars &ca.; and as to detaching Capt. Spears with Troops from hence instead of applying to Col. Adlercron for a part of the Regiment, one Reason was the great Number of Men in Garrison here, more even than could be lodg'd in the Barracks, but he himself has furnish'd us with another very sufficient Reason for this Choice, by declaring in his Letter of the 21st. of this Month that he is accountable to no one in India for his Conduct. Now it is certainly most consistent with the good of the Service to employ such Troops as are accountable to us for their Behaviour.

Mr. Leyrit in his Letter N°. 65 objects to the Title given to Messrs. Reith & Bannatyne in the President's Letter advising that those Gentlemen were appointed COMMISSARIES FOR THE NABOB AND HIS ALLIES, saying that this can only Mean for him whom we acknowledge for Nabob; that nothing is mention'd in the Treaty of any Nabob; and therefore he has order'd his Commissaries not to treat with those Gentlemen under any other Title but that of Commissaries. He complains also that Messrs. Reith and Bannatyne are neither of them of equal Rank with Mr. Du Rocher.

Although the Committee are of Opinion that the above Title given to Messrs. Reith and Bannatyne is very proper and by no Means contradictory to the Treaty, yet as it is not Material & the Discussion might take up Time they do Agree to call them COMMISSARIES FOR EXAMINING THE INFRINGEMENTS &ca. and that Capt. Gauppe

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who by his Residence at Changalapat is well acquainted with the Occurrences of the contested Districts be plac'd at the Head of those Gentlemen in order to obviate Mr. Leyrit's Objection in point of Rank which at the same Time the Committee do hold a very trivial Objection, their Quality of Commissaries being equal although one be a Captain, the other a Lieutenant or Ensign.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Capt. Polier.

To the Hoñble the Governr. and Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence at Fort St. George.

Hond. Sir & Sirs

I am in full march with the Nabob and his Family having happily pass'd the Covery the 16th. Instant with less Trouble than I imagin'd without the help of a Boat the whole fording it near Candour. I halted one Day on this Side in the Island near the village of Tanksall Trivedy. The same Day Monogee with a numerous Train paid the Nabob a Visit, he stop'd about a Mile from Camp where the Nabob went and I accompanied him. At this Interview the strongest Protestations of an inviolable Friendship were made on both Sides, Monogee assur'd me and the Nabob most particularly from the King of Tanjore he would never forsake him and had five Thousand Horse ready at his Order if he needed them in the Arcot Country. The Nabob having thank'd Monogee for the promis'd Aid and for his Love and Friendship which he had always relied took Care to Whisper me in English 'Tis all a Lye! I who did not fear making Advances assur'd Monogee, As the English Nation had always been the Nabob's constant Friend & supported him 'till now with all their Force in India She was resolv'd to continue him her Protection and would be an iviolable [*Sic*] Friend to the King of Tanjore so long as he was the Same to the Nabob; He assur'd us the King of Mysore had offer'd his King 60 Lacks of Rupees provided he would forsake the Nabob but that he constantly had rejected this Proposal with Disdain. He charg'd me to assure you of the good Intentions of the King his Master and of his particular Attachment to the Nabob and the English Nation; He has given necessary Orders to sell to our Buzar People Provisions that there we are well enough off; On my Side I have publish'd strict Orders against all pillaging and plundering either by our Troops or the Black People, I can but be proud of our Europeans not having had as yet the least Complaint against them and must do Justice to both Captains & Subalterns who have seconded me with all their Strength to prevent Disorders and pillaging and maintain a strict Discipline in the Battalion both on the March and in Quarters. It is not thus with the black People Sepoys and Cooleys, spite of all my repeated Threatenings daily; I could not prevent their pillaging Villages on the Rout which caus'd me yesterday, to put an End to this, to make an Example which frighten'd them. Five Cooley were taken up (following the Camp with no other View than Plunder) who were thieving at a little Village upon the Rout. I order'd the guiltiest who was caught with the Theft upon him to be hang'd and the others to be whip'd thrô the Buzar. This Example struck the Black People so much that not one of them left the high Road this Day nor have I had the least Complaint; I hope Hon'd Sir & Sirs you will not deem my Conduct wrong in this Respect.

I design to pass the Colleron at Chellimbrum & have wrote to Mr. Hopkins of Deva Cotah to procure Boats to facilitate the Passage.

The Nabob appears uneasy upon our crossing at Chelimbrum fearing some Projects from the French or some sudden Ruptures. He desir'd me to write to the Govern. of Fort St. David to beg he would have an eye upon the Motions the French may make towards us and in case of any Thing to send a Reinforcement from his Garrison. I have the Honour to write to him this Day upon the Subject.

My Soldiers fall sick daily of intermitting Fevers occasion'd by the continual Rains they are oblig'd to bear Nightly, as well as the Great Heats by Day, I endeavour to lodge them in Choultries; The Misfortune is we find no where any large enough however the Sick have been constantly shelter'd.

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I reckon to pass the Colleron the 24^th. and reach S^t. Davids the 26^th. or 27^th. I hope hon^d. Sir & Sirs to receive the Honour of your Orders for the rest of the march, there, if I don't receive them on the Rout.

I have the Hoñ of being with the most profound of Respects & the perfectest of Submissions Hon^d. Sir & Sirs Your most Humble Your most Obedient and most devoted Servant

Carpor
the 19^th. July 1755.

P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.

As We are desirous the Nabob should arrive as soon as possible at Arcot, as well to put an end to the expence of the Troops in the Field as to get our Affairs settled The President is desir'd to advise him not to call at Fort S^t. David, and to defer his intended march to Calcourchey and Ellavanasore, but it is Agreed at the same Time to write Capt. Polier that he is to follow our former Instructions, and assist the Nabob against any, whom he may have a just Title to call to Account.

Captain Gauppe writes from Changalapet that the Poligar Wirum Rajah continues his Ravages, that his People extort Money and Cattle from the Villages and particularly his Brother two Days ago kill'd and wounded several People in the Town of Nellumback.

Agreed to send a large Number of Sepoys, as soon as the five Companies arrive from Fort S^t. David, to block up the principal Avenues of the Woods and endeavour by that means to seize these Robbers; that Capt Gauppe be advis'd of this Intention, and order'd to prepare the other Polligars who are Enemies to Wirum Rajah to join our Sepoys.

Three Letters from the Nabob receiv'd the 25^th. Inst^t. read advising that Abdul Mazead Cawn Nabob of Cuddapah continues his Attempts against the Nelloor Country and has a Design also against Tripoty desiring therefore that some Means may be resolv'd on to put a Stop to his Incursions. Inclosing a Letter from Mauphoos Cawn his Brother who was left in Possession of Madura and Tinnevelly containing Advice that the King of Travencore has join'd Myana (the late Rebel possessor of Madura) with other Polligars who now make a strong Opposition against the Nabob's Troops.

The President is desir'd to write to the Nabob of Cuddapah and the King of Travencore requiring them in the strongest Terms to desist from their Enterprizes against the Nabob, whose Enemies we regard as our own.

Colonel Heron having deliver'd to the President a Diary of the late Expedition to Madura & Tinnevelly He now lays the same before the Committee; Some of the Transactions appearing worthy of further Enquiry the said Journal is Order'd to lye upon the Table for future Examination and in the mean time the President is desir'd to demand of him Copies of the Orders given to the Officers sent on Detachments and their Correspondence with him while they were abroad.

Letter from the Tripoty Renter read advising that he has order'd his Vakeel to pay six Thousand (6000) Pagodas on account of the June or third Kist. Order'd that the Commissary do demand the Money.

The Cowles for Covelong Manmangalum and the seven Maganums expiring the 1^st. of next Month the President is desir'd to receive Offers for the ensuing Year & report the same to the Council that new Cowles may be given.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WIL^M: PERCEVAL.
ROB^T. PALK.

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[30TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1755.*——

Sent a Letter to Colonel Adlercron of this Date agreeable to this Morning's Resolutions, (as enter'd N°. 13) also the following Letter to Capt. Polier.

To CAPTAIN POLIER.

Sir,

Your Letters of the 13th. & 19th. are come to hand. We have no alteration to make in our former Orders for escorting the Nabob to Arcot; as I wish him there as soon as possible I have advis'd him not to call at Fort St. David and to defer his intended march to Calcourchey and Ellavanasore not thinking those Affairs of sufficient Consequence to detain him in the Neighbourhood of Pondicherry. Whatever his Resolutions may be you are to accompany him and assist him with the Army agreeable to the Directions you have before had. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
30th. July 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

31ST. Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Mr. Leyrit as enter'd in the French Correspondence N°. 66.

1ST AUGUST. Colonel Lawrence receiv'd a Letter from Colonel Adlercron as enter'd N°. 14 ordering him to Fort St. David as soon as possible to sit at a Council of War there to be assembled to consider of a Letter receiv'd from the President. Colonel Lawrence being at the Mount for the Recovery of his Health wrote this Day to Colonel Adlercron that he had referr'd his Letter to the President who accordingly sent an Answer as entered N°. 15.

6TH. Four Companies of Sepoys march'd for Changalapet for the reduction of the Polligar Wirum Rajah according to the disposition to be made by Captain Gauppe.

AT A COMMITTEE.

Present.

[8TH AUGUST] FRIDAY

GEORGE PIGOT Esq. GOVERN.	PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEX. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.

A Letter from Captain Forbes of the Bombay Detachment dated 28th. of last Month read inclosing a Representation address'd to him by the Men of his Command Setting forth the Hardships they have undergone for want of an Allowance of Batta since their coming from Camp to Fort St. David, and requesting that their Diet may be made good to them for that Time. Our Honble Masters having in the 68th. Paragraph of their General Letter dated 31st. January 1755. signified their Pleasure that the Troops of Bengal and Bombay should serve them on Occasions here on the same footing as the Men belonging to this Establishment, It is agreed to write to the Deputy Govern. and Council of Fort St. David to acquaint Captain Forbes that We cannot give his Detachment any extraordinary Allowance; which besides they have very little Right to expect, for the greatest part of that Command being Topasses have receiv'd a considerable Advantage by the difference between their Pay on this Coast and Bombay.

Petition of Doctor Parker of the Protector also read, requesting an Allowance for his Care of the Detachment on Board. As Doctor Parker is in constant Pay of the Company, and the Medicines also are put on Board by them, it is Agreed not to make him any Allowance.

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——*FORT ST GEORGE, AUGUST 1755.*—— [8ve.]

Since last meeting receiv'd the following Letters from Camp and Trichinopoly.

FROM CAPTAIN POLIER.

TO THE HOÑBLE THE GOVERNR. AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AT FORT STE. GEORGE.

Hond. Sir & Sirs

I have the Honour to inform you I arriv'd with the Nabob yesterday about the Limits of Fort St. David and encamp'd near Trepopilore, but out of the Bounds.

I was greatly surpris'd at my coming to Camp to find from the Kings Regiment a Captain's Guard with 100 Men and as the Captain commanding them must have superceded me I immediately waited on Colonel Adlercron to know if it was his Pleasure to remove me from the Command which the Hoñble Governr. and Council had entrusted me with; He assur'd me he had no such Design but that what he had done arose purely from a Desire he had to shew the Nabob the Esteem the English Nation bore him that he farther propos'd not only offering him this Guard, but his Regiment to attend him to Arcot I represented to the Colonel there would be no occasion as the Force the Hoñble Governr. and Council had thought proper for the Gaurd of the Nabob's Person was sufficient especially as I apprehended very little or no Danger. Colonel Adlercron treated me with much Civility but as he persisted to offer the Nabob the above Compliment I went to consult Govr. Stark We agreed it would be proper I should see the Nabob before the Colonel & acquaint him that as the Hoñble Govr & Co. had appointed a sufficient Guard for the Security of his Person; in case Colonel Adlercron should offer a Reinforcement I thought it would be better not to accept it, as I must displease the Hoñble Governr. & Council & create uneasiness among us. I accordingly acquainted the Nabob with this, he gave me his Word he would not accept of any Guard that Colonel Adlercron might offer him, he kept it, for when the Coll. waited on him in the Evening, he entirely declin'd it and would not accept of any assuring him he thought the Force he had sufficient; upon which Colonel Adlercron immediately withdrew his Guard.

I cannot do myself the Honour of sending you the Returns of the Army this Day having many sick which must be exchang'd for Men from the Fort, but propose expediting the Same to morrow, I would not delay Hoñd. Sir & Sirs acquainting you with my Arrival here, least you might think proper in Consequence to charge me with some fresh Orders.

'Twill be impossible for me to march hence in less than three or four Days, as I must provide the Army with Stores Ammunition & other Necessaries, besides having exchang'd a Number of the small Arms much out of order particularly those of the Sepoys. I have the Honour of being with every Sentiment of Esteem Respect and Submission Hond. Sir and Sirs Your most Humble Your most Obedient and most devoted Servt.

Camp near Tripopolore
1st. August 1755.

P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.

The Committee very much approve of the Care taken by Capt. Polier to prevent the Nabob's Acceptance of Colonel Adlercron's Offer of his Majesty's Troops; for the Subsistence of the Regiment in the field would not only be a vast additional and useless Expence to the Company, but very probably the Division of Command would breed Disputes hurtful to the Service.

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FROM CAPTAIN CAILLAUD.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQᴿ. PRESIDENT & GOVERNᴿ. &Cᵃ.
& GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AT FORT STᵀ. GEORGE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

My last was Nᵒ. 8 dated the 8ᵗʰ. of July in which I acknowledg'd the Receipt of your different Favours Nᵒ. 5 & 6 and have since been honour'd with one (Nᵒ. 7) dated the 12ᵗʰ. July.

The King of Tanjore claims two Districts of Country belonging to Tondiman, from the Right of prior Possession, and being formerly annex'd to his Kingdom Tondiman claims his Right from Conquest and actual Possession some considerable Time past; as also from a Cowle given to him by Monogee, when he took refuge with him six Years ago. of the two Countries claim'd by the King, the one is call'd Corrahnelly and produces yearly two Lack of Rupees Revenue, the other is call'd Tremiam & valued at one Lack a Year. The King of Tanjore makes these two Claims at the same Time out of Policy, and with a seeming Kind of Justice he may appear willing to make some Concession for the sake of Peace, as he really does now, by offering to give up his Right to the Latter if Tondaman will not dispute the former.

I have sent a proper Person to Tondaman as a Vakeel to sound him on the Subject, and to know from him and the People about a true State of the Affair, as also what he is likely and willing to give up on his Side. according to the Information I get and the advices I may receive from Mʳ. Newton at Tanjore I will endeavour to act so as to make up their Difference, & prevent if possible a Rupture Monogee has promis'd to stay, and wait the Event of our Mediation.

Hydernaigue and his Party are march'd a different Road from that which we apprehended; he is gone to a Place called Dindigul, half way between this and Madura the High Road formerly from this Place there. The Country belongs to the Mysore, dependant on which are 18 Polligars from whom hé is gone to collect the Tribute which they neglected paying during the War. The King of Syringapatam has oblig'd all Persons concern'd in the publick Business to pay him a Sum of Money; which collected amounts to somewhat above ninety Lack of Rupees. He has besides that laid a Tax of one Rupee upon each House throughout his Dominions. If they have any Designs this way they are not as yet made publick. Nandirauze lives about 10 Miles from the Capital, and has with him a small number of Troops. The Agents left by Salabad Jing are very pressing for the remainder of the Money now due Twenty seven Lack.

I have some hopes at last of getting the Money from the Polligar Securities left here under my Charge by Colonel Heron. I shall desire your Orders Gentlemen how to dispose of it when paid. The People say that they were only given as Securities for the first four Month's Money due the 18ᵗʰ. of April last. I should be glad to be inform'd whether upon the Payment of the first Sum I should release them, or keep them untill other Securities are sent in their Room, if they do not chuse the immediate Payment of the next Sum which will be due the 18ᵗʰ. of this Month; to lose no time I intend writing to Mauphoos Cawn to do his Endeavours to oblige the Polligars either to send the Money, or other Securities for the Payment of it; At the same time I will write circular Letters to them threatening not to release these People untill they do one or the other. Indeed I believe Gentlemen keeping them is the only Chance We have for the Money. Colonel Heron certainly knows on what Conditions these Men were given as Securities.

The King of Travencore has withdrawn his Troops from the Tinnevelly Country, that were sent to the Assistance of Moudemia, on Account of some Disturbances in other parts of his Kingdom. Moudemia is gone also with them. I have wrote pressingly to Mauphoos Cawn to make use now of his Army against the Polligars which stand out. He has it in his Power to do something if he will exert himself.

Give me leave to offer it to your Consideration Gentⁿ. the want I may be in here of a good Linguister. The present Person Narain is very capable and sufficient,

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but his Business entirely confines him to the Place; should my personal Appearance for a few Days be necessary any where to settle the Country Business or Disputes; as I cannot take Narain I have no one fit to go with me, or to send with a Cammanding Officer of a Party should I be oblig'd to make a Detachment. A capable & trusty Person that spoke tolerable English, and understood well the Gentoo Language, would therefore be of great Service here.

Mr. Jennings's appointment of Adjutant leaves me with but one Artillery Officer. If you thought it proper Gentn. I wish he could be reimplac'd.

Yesterday a Vakeel came to me from Monogee, with a long Letter relating to the Dispute between him & Tondaman and asking our Mediation, and that he wou'd wait a Month. I have wrote him in Answer, and desir'd also his Vakeel to tell him, that he should have our Mediation provided he and the King would promise to abide by our Decision. that I did not understand his limiting a Time when he knew the Consequence of breaking the Truce which he had agreed to and which was not yet expir'd. That till I had an Answer from Tondaman I could not pretend to say or decide any thing in the Affair. I ended however in the Assurance we repos'd on his Friendship & Justice I believe it will be necessary to manage this Affair upon a higher Tone than the last; there is seemingly but little Justice in this Demand of the King's even by their own Story, and it may be prudent to curb this restless Disposition in Time.

Two Days before your Orders came Gentlemen, for a general Muster, Mr. Maunsell had taken one of my compleat Garrison; as I thought that would be sufficient to answer your Intention. I did not send any other.

The Nabob's Family leaving Trichinopoly has depriv'd Doctor Wilson of his Monthly Allowance; He has applied to me for Batta which if you have no Objections to Gentlemn. I will pay to him.

Lieutt. Robert Campbell has desir'd me to apply for him for leave to come down to the Coast on Business. I shall wait your Orders Gentlemen.

Inclos'd I have the Honour to transmit my Monthly Accounts & the Returns of the Garrison. I am with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and faithfull Servant

Trichenopoly JOHN CAILLAUD.
1st. August 1755.

P.S. Just this Minute is come to hand your favour of the 18th. No. 8 Mr. Maissin is march'd for Pondicherry.

Agreed to write Capt. Caillaud to bring what Money he may receive from the Polligars to the Credit of the Commissary, & keep it there for the Disbursements of the Garrison.

The Demand made by the King of Tanjore of Countries which have been for so many Years in quiet Possession of Tondiman appears to the Committee to be somewhat Arbitrary, but let his Pretentions be what they will, it is judg'd proper by all means to prevent their coming to Hostilities and Agreed to write Captain Caillaud to enquire if there was any Agreement made between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman at the Time when this last got Possession of the Countries in Dispute. If any such Agreement is to be found, both Parties ought to abide by it, and in order to prevent any Acts of Hostility, he may give them to understand that We shall regard whoever takes up Arms first as the Disturber of the Peace.

Agreed that half Batta be allow'd Mr. Wilson the Surgeon at Trichenopoly from the Time the Nabob's Allowance to him ceas'd, that an Artillery Officer be sent to that Garrison in the Room of Mr. Jennings as soon as the Army comes hither, and that a Linguist be enquir'd for.

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Letter from Captain Gauppe read inclosing the Acco^{ts}. of the Garrison of Changalapet for the last Month, which Accounts as well as those for Trichenopoly transmitted by Capt. Caillaud, now lying upon the Table, the Committee do think proper to take into their Consideration the too heavy Expences of all the out Garrisons in order to make such Regulations as appear at this Time practicable and tending as well to the Reduction of the Charges, as to the better management of the Accounts of their several Garrisons.

The Accounts of the several Garrisons being thereupon read and examin'd the following Remarks are first made

That the Cooleys employ'd at Changalapet are charg'd some at two, some at three Fanams each ℔ Day whereas those employ'd on the Company's Works here receive the stoutest of them but one fanam.

That the Peons employ'd at Changalapet for attending the Cooleys are charg'd at four Fanams a Day each, whereas those employ'd on the same Service here have only the ordinary Pay of the Company, thirty Fanams a Month.

That the Sepoys at Trichenopoly of which the Number is very large are allow'd a Batta of two Fanams a Day each, and the Military no more; the full Batta in the Field us'd to be four Fanams to the Military and three to the Sepoys; the former are reduc'd to half Batta, but the latter on the present footing receive two Thirds.

There are several other smaller Articles in the Accounts, such as Attendants on the Commanding Officers &c^{a}. which the Committee leave to the Consideration of the Committee of Accounts, who by a constant monthly Inspection will be best able to point out what Articles are unreasonably charg'd; and it is now Order'd that the Accounts from Camp and all the out Garrisons be regularly laid before the said Committee of Accounts.

And for the more speedy Reduction of such Expences as have at this Time appear'd remarkable, it is now unanimously Resolv'd

That Captain Gauppe is immediately acquainted with our Observations on the Pay of his Cooleys and Peons, And Order'd to reduce it.

That one of the Company's Covenanted Servants be sent Monthly to the Garrison of Arcot and Changalapet there to muster the Military Sepoys, Artificers and Cooleys; to see that such as are employ'd be regularly paid, & that no more be paid than are really employ'd; and if He should receive Information of the Practice of any abuses in this Matter he is to report the same to the Committee on his Return. And to enable him the better to make such Enquiry as to him shall appear necessary, he may call upon the Commanding Officer for the Diary of his Disbursements, in which the Number of Workmen employ'd, and their daily Pay will more particularly appear.

That as this Rule cannot be put in Practice at Trichinopoly on Account of it's great Distance, Captain Caillaud be only advis'd of the Nature of the Regulation, and told that We depend on his most diligent Endeavours to bring all his Expences as low as possible, and that it be recommended to him to try to make a beginning,

By reducing his Sepoys Batta to one Fanam a Day in Garrison and two in the Field, which as their Number is very large would of itself be a vast saving;

By informing himself what Rents and Customs are levied by the Nabobs Killedar and endeavouring to make him defray the Expence of repairing the Fort which has always been done by the Nabob's People at Arcot.

That the Sepoys sent out from hence against the Poligar Wirum Rajah be allow'd only two Fanams a Day each for their Field Batta, according to the foregoing Regulation.

And to the End that the Disbursements made on Account of the Nabob may at any Time be seen in one regular View, the Commissary is Order'd to keep those Accounts from the 30th. April last in a separate Set of Books, in which the particular Expences of every Camp and every Garrison shall be charg'd monthly under their proper Heads, to be carried from thence each to the General Account of the Camp or

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Garrison to which they belong, and those again to the Head of Nabob Anaverdy Cawn, by which means they will be transferr'd by one single Entry into the General Books & it is Order'd that a Copy of the Books so to be kept by the Commissary be transmitted Annually to our Honble Masters.

Agreed that the Commissary have an Assistant for this Service, who shall be allow'd Ten Pagodas a Month to be charg'd to the Nabob.

As the Adjustments necessary to be made with the Nabob for the Payment of his Debt to the Company will be best regulated by a Personal Conference, it is Agreed that Colonel Lawrence, the Revd. Mr. Robert Palk and Mr. John Walsh be deputed to meet him at Arcot (where he will probably arrive about the 20th.) to pay the President's Compliments to him and invite him Hither.

That the Expence of Batta to the Troops may be put an End to as soon as they arrive at Arcot, it is Agreed to leave it to Colonel Lawrence to dispose of the Army in Conjeveram or the different Garrisons as to him shall appear most Convenient to that End.

And as this is the Time for letting out the Countries for the new Year, & there is reason to fear that Abdul Vahab Cawn will for his own private Interest contract for them before the Nabob's Arrival at Arcot, the President is desir'd to write him that the Nabob being arriv'd in the Province and having taken upon himself the management of all Affairs, he should no longer interfere; to acquaint the Nabob also of our Suspicions, and desire him to forbid any such Proceeding, and to forbear himself from engaging in any new Contracts 'till We have conferr'd with him; Agreed also that our Deputies abovemention'd be desir'd to caution the Nabob on this Subject and Order'd that Instructions pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions be drawn out for those Gentlemen.

Captains Howes and Gauppe having been long in the Command of Arcot and Changalapet it is Agreed that Captain Maskelyne do relieve the former and Capt. Polier the latter and that it be left to Colonel Lawrence to put this Order in Execution when he sees convenient as both those Officers will be at Arcot with him.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
ROBT. PALK.

Sent the following Letter to Richard Starke Esqr. pursuant to this Mornings Resolutions.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Sir

We have receiv'd a Letter from Capt Forbes inclosing a Petition from the Bombay Detachment for Batta during their Stay on this. If they are not embark'd before this reaches you we desire you will acquaint Captain Forbes that the Company have order'd us not to give any extraordinary Allowance to the Detachments that may be sent here from the other Presidencies as they expect they will Serve here on the same footing as the Men belonging to this Establishment, that We shall however send a Copy of their Petition to the President & Council of Bombay.

Mr. Parker the Surgeon of the Protector has also applied for a Consideration for his Care of the Military on board in Answer to which you will let him know that as the Medicines are put on board by the Company and he is paid by them we do

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not think it reasonable to give him any extraordinary Allowance. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY ROBERT ORME—ALEX^R. WYNCH—W^M. PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort S^t. George
8^th. August 1755.

9 Sent the following Letter to Captain John Caillaud pursuant to Yesterday's Resolutions.

To CAPTAIN CAILLAUD.

No. 9. Sir

We have receiv'd your Advices dated the 1^st. of this Month N^o. 9. with the Accounts inclos'd. We have lately had under Consideration the too heavy Expences of all the out Garrisons and made such Regulations as will We hope contribute in some Measure to the Reduction of them. Arcot and Changalapet are to be visited Monthly by a Company's Servant who will muster and pay all the Troops and Workmen. This cannot be so conveniently done at Trichenopoly where We rely on your constant Attention and Endeavours, to bring the Charges into as moderate a Compass as possible. We shall point out some Particulars wherein we desire you will try to make a beginning.

If Provisions still continue so dear that the Reduction of Batta to the Military cannot yet be attempted you may see if that of the Sepoys cannot be brought to one Fanam a Day; their full Batta was but three so that on the present footing they are indulg'd above our own Soldiers.

After that if you should have occasion to send any Sepoys abroad; their field Batta might be settled at 2 fan^s. a Day; The Number of Sepoys is so very large that the least Reduction will be a vast Ease to the Company.

Inform yourself What Money the Killedar receives for Customs & Rents for he must be able to defray the Expence of repairing the Fort at least; The Nabob's People at Arcot have always contributed so far.

We do not mention these as positive Orders, only as Hints whereon to fix your Attention, persuaded that you will improve them to the utmost and carry them into Execution as far as you can with prudence.

Whatever Money you receive from the Polligars you will bring to the Credit of the Commissary and keep it for the use of your Garrison; Advise us when the first Paym^t. is made in full and We shall then send you Directions concerning the Securities. Desire Mauphoos Cawn to write you a particular Account of the Accomodations made with every Polligar, how much Money was receiv'd how much remain'd due, and when that was to be paid.

We are in Hopes to be able to get you a Linguist from the Camp who shall be sent you as soon as possible; there is no proper Person here. You shall be supplied with an Artillery Officer in the Room of M^r. Jennings.

We do not well see on what Title the King of Tanjore can pretend to Countries which have been so many Years in quiet possession of Tondiman. If you can trace the Affair back to the Time in which Tondiman made the Conquest you will probably find some Agreement at the End of the War concerning those Districts, by which they ought both to abide. At all Events you must insist thus far, that it be accomodated without Force & you may give them to understand that whoever takes up Arms first will be treated as the disturber of the Peace.

Pay Doctor Wilson half Batta from the Time the Nabob's Allowance to him ceas'd.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755.*—— [9TH.]

Mr. Maunsell sent us the General Return of the Garrison of Trichenopoly but We want a muster Roll of each particular Company, agreeable to the inclos'd form. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILM. PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
9th. August 1755.

Sent to Fort St. David the following General Letter to the President & Council of Bombay to be forwarded by the Protector also Orders to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David to dispatch that Ship for Bombay as soon as she has deliver'd the Stores We put on board her. 10TH.

To THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR. PRESIDENT &
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Since We wrote you the 20th. Ultimo we have receiv'd from Capt Forbes a Petition deliver'd him by the Detachment for an Allowance of Batta for the Time they have staid on this Coast. We are to acquaint you that the Company having wrote us they expect their Military shall serve them in any of their Settlements for the establish'd Pay of the Settlement We have been unable to give any Advance either to your Detachment or that from Bengal. We have the Honr. to be Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
10th. August 1755.

Receiv'd a Letter from Coll. Adlercron dated the 8th. Instant directed to the President & Gentlemen of the General Council for Affairs of the United East India Company which Letter is enter'd No. 16. also two directed to the President of the same Date as enter'd No. 17 & 18. the last of which incloses a Pardon for John De Bore who was under Sentence of Death. 11TH.

Colonel Lawrence & Messrs. Palk and Walsh set out for Arcot with Instructions as under, and accompanied by Captain Maskelyne. 13TH.

To STRINGER LAWRENCE ESQR., MESSRS. ROBERT PALK AND JOHN WALSH.

Gentlemen

The Nabob being now upon his March from Fort St. David to Arcot, We have thought proper to fix upon you Gentlemen to pay him our Compliments on his Arrival there which We imagine will be about the 20th. of this Month.

We have many Reasons for wishing for his Presence here a few Days believing it will be a great Advantage to the Company's Affairs you will please therefore to make this known to him and deliver the accompanying Letter from the President which is upon the same Subject.

And having Reason to believe that the Duan and his other Officers who have been entrusted with the management of his Affairs in these Parts have impos'd greatly upon him not having discharg'd any part of his Debt to the Company or even regularly paid his own Troops out of the Revenues they have peaceably collected for several Months, We think it will be proper to caution him against entering on any publick Business at their Request as they will undoubtedly recommend to him the same Creatures they have hitherto employ'd to rent the different Parts of the Province he is at present in Possession of.

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For the Time at least that the Nabob remains in these Parts we think the Company may be entirely eas'd of the Expence of Batta to their Troops; We desire therefore you will call at Conjeveram which We think will be a proper Place to lodge a Part of the Army and We leave it to Colonel Lawrence to dispose of the Rest as he sees proper. We wish you an agreeable Journey and are Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
11th. August 1755.

WEDNESDAY 13TH. AUGUST.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
... HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. ...

COLONEL LAWRENCE & MR. PALK *absent on Service.*

A Letter in Answer to Mr. Leyrits of the 19th. Ultimo on the Subject of the contested Districts having been prepar'd on the Plan agreed on in Committee the 24th. July; The Same is now Read, approv'd and order'd to be dispatch'd.

Letter from Colonel Adlercron dated the 8th. Inst. directed to the General Council Read with the Opinion of a Council of War held at Fort St. David the 4th. August by Colonel John Adlercron Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Bagshaw and Major Verney Loveit.

Col. Adlercron in this Letter after many Reflexions which are neither Polite nor well grounded concludes with revoking to all Intents and Purposes the Promises made in his Letter of the 16th. December 1754 to the President and Council.

The Committee cannot reproach themselves with having at any Time made an ill use of the Promises Col. Adlercron thought proper to make in that Letter, It was represented and has often been repeated to him that the Company's Affairs would be greatly prejudic'd were he to exert his Power to the utmost as he now declares he will, and whether it was in Consequence of these Representations or the Effect of the large Allowances granted to the Officers and Men of the Regiment, that Colonel Adlercron wrote the Letter abovemention'd to the President & Council, the same Reasons do still continue in force.

And to the End that it may fully and publickly appear how much We have done to preserve a Harmony with Colonel Adlercron and how little we deserve the severe Reproaches he has thrown on us in the Letter now before us such as "prefering "the private Interest of the Company's Troops and Servants to Justice and every "other Consideration" and "being of Opinion that the King of great Britain has no Authority in or over the Company's Settlements;"

It is Order'd that a General Memorial be drawn out of all our Transactions with Colonel Adlercron from his Arrival in India and transmitted to him and that his Letter be answer'd Paragraph by Paragraph by Facts taken from the said Memorial; for the Committee are of Opinion that a plain Recapitulation of this Nature, without any additional Force of Argument will be a sufficient Evidence in their Behalf.

Colonel Adlercron's two Letters to the President dated the 8th. Instant advise that at the Request of Mr. John Fraser Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Company's Service he appointed a General Court Martial the 5th. Instant for the Tryal of the said Lieut. & Adjutant John Fraser on a Charge of Capt. Polier's for neglect of Duty, and Disrespect; The Court acquitted him of the Charge of neglect of Duty

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but found him guilty of Disrespect to Capt. Polier his Commanding Officer & sentenc'd him to ask Captain Polier's Pardon before the Officers of the Detachment under his Command which he accordingly did. And that at the earnest Request of the Nabob he had sent a Pardon for John De Bore now under Sentence of Death.

Captain Gauppe writes us in Answer to the Directions sent him for the Reduction of the Pay of the Cooleys at Changalapet, that they are such as have been employ'd constantly and live in the Fort, that they will not serve for less, and as the Renter will not take Care to furnish him daily from the neighbouring Villages there is no other way of carrying on the Works; He advises also that the Sepoys have taken possession of Uttiwaukkam Wood but Wirum Rajah and his Brother escap'd the Night before to Maulrauze's Wood.

Order'd that the Renter do attend the Company's Servant who will be sent the latter End of this Month to Changalapet, and that they do adjust a Method of furnishing the Number of Cooleys necessary for the Works at the cheapest Rates. And the President is desir'd to write to Maulrauze to deliver up Wirum Rauze and his Brother on the Demand of our Officer, otherwise that he will be treated as a Plunderer like them, that the said Letter be inclos'd to Captain Gauppe and sent by him with a Party of Sepoys to seize them by Force, if it appears practicable, and Maulrauze refuses to surrender them.

GEORGE PIGOT.

...

HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILI.^M: PERCEVAL.

Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to M^r. Leyrit as Enter'd N^o. 67, inclosing a Memorial deliver'd to the President by the principal Inhabitants of the Carangoly Districts, and Answer to the French Memorial and a General List of the Villages contested.

The President receiv'd the following Letter from Captain Polier. [16TH.]

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. PRESID^T.
AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

Hon^d. Sir

I receiv'd Yesterday the Honour of your kind Favour of the 5^th. Instant the Contents of which caus'd me to feel the liveliest Sense of Acknowledgement for the Assurance Sir that you give me my Conduct has met with the general Approbation of the Gentlemen of the Committee, It is the Point I endeavour to arrive at and which I shall esteem myself extremely happy in if I am so fortunate to attain.

I had the Honour Sir to address you a Letter the 6^th. Instant by which I acquainted You with my Reasons for putting in Arrest Lieutenant & Adjutant Fraser & of the General Court Martial that had been held by Orders of Col^l. Adlercron at M^r. Fraser's Request on that Account & the Sentence given against him. I had the honour by the same Letter to mark I should march the next Day for Arcot which I began accordingly, having left Tripopolore at 6 in the Evening and encamp'd at Trevendaporum, which was merely for the Sake of breaking Ground. The next the 8^th. we march'd to a small Tope near Trivedy the 9^th. to Gramon the 10^th. to Permal Quoil & this Day to Manaloor Pettah. The Nabob has desir'd we should take (tho the longest) the Trenomalee Rout to be as soon as possible off the Lands the French are now possess'd of and to get a Distance from Pondicherry. I judg'd proper to give into his Reasons and prefer this Route to the Shortest which had been that of Wandiwash. We halt to morrow, the next Day march to Trenomalee. The Nabob has earnestly entreated I would leave there a Company of Sepoys to guard his Sister indispos'd by her Labour on the Rout and who he would leave at

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that Place. He charges himself with the Payment of the said Company from the 15th. of this Month to the last. I did not think it right to disoblige him by refusing and agreed to leave a Company at Trinomalee.

The Chief of Calcourchey sent to the Nabob at Chillimbrom a Troop of about thirty Horsemen, some Sepoys and two Pieces of Cannon to make him his Submission. They agreed and accomodated their Affairs together but have not been able to sift the Conditions nor what Sum he paid the Nabob; The Nabob only telling me he had settled with him. He kept the two Pieces of Cannon (one Brass the other Iron) which march with his Equipage, both about three Pounders. The Chief of Elivanasore sent him yesterday a Vakeel to pay his Respects with the Accustom'd presents as Sheep, Rice, &ca. and Five Pagodas, the payment of Sums owing by the same Chief to the Nabob were not spoke of, the Nabob not being inclinable to enter upon that Article without having Power to compell him in case of Refusal. It would have given him great Satisfaction to have made use of the Troops I have the Honour of commanding to have reduc'd out of hand this Rebel to a due Obedience, and it was with some Difficulty I extricated myself from his warm Representations on this Subject, by assuring him 'twas the Fear of exposing him and his Family prevented the Army's acting on this Account, but as soon as he was safe at Arcot If I had not different Orders from those receiv'd Sir already from yourself and the Gentlemn. of the Committee I would assist him according to my Orders, with all my Force; and would march with the Army, where he should think most necessary to reduce his lawfull Subjects to Obedience; The Nabob was satisfied with this and made me give him my Hand as an Assurance which I did with the Restriction of Tanquam possum. These are all I have to inform you of for the present.

There only now remains for me to beg you would please to be assur'd of the perfect Respect and Esteem with which I am Hond Sir Your most humble Your most Obedient and most devoted Servant

Manaloor Pettah
the 11th. August 1755.

P. Polier de Bottens.

At a Committee

Present

Monday the 18th.

George Pigot Esqr. Govr.	President
...	Henry Powney
Robert Orme	Alexr. Wynch
William Perceval	...

Col. Lawrence & Mr. Palk *Absent on Service.*

The President acquaints the Committee that he has receiv'd a Letter from Coll. Lawrence and Messrs. Palk and Walsh advising of their Arrival at Arcot the 15th., that the Nabob was to be the 18th. at Timmery where they propos'd to meet him.

Capt. Gauppe writes that he has dispatch'd some People to get Intelligence of Maulrauzes Force, which he believes is not large enough to make any Opposition but rather imagines they would retreat to the Trepasore Wood for which Reason it would be proper to order some Parties of Sepoys and Polligars to take Care that no Disorders are committed in the Companys and other Villages that way.

Agreed that Directions be sent Captain Gauppe to detach Lieutenant Gurtler immediately with the Party to Maulrauzes Wood and to take the best Measures to prevent either Maulrauzes or Wirum Rauze's Retreat to the Trepasore Wood & to secure the Villages from any Annoyance.

Letters from the Renter and Tasealdar of Terpettah read inclosing a Bill for three thousand Pagodas in further part for the June Kist and repeating his Apprehensions of the Designs of the Nabob of Cuddapah.

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Order'd that the Commissary do tender the Bill for payment and the President is desir'd to transmit a Copy of the Renter's Letter to Colonel Lawrence with Directions to take what Measures he may judge proper from the Information he may get of the Nabob of Cuddapah's Designs; To secure to the Company the Income of the approaching Feast at Terpettah.

GEORGE PIGOT.
...
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M: PERCEVAL.

Receiv'd a Letter from M^r. Leyrit to the President dated the 16^th. Instant as enter'd in the French Correspondence N^o. 68. [19TH.]

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

MONDAY THE 25TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERN^R. PRESIDENT	
...	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEX^R. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	...

COL^L. LAWRENCE & M^R. PALK *absent on Service.*

M^r. Leyrit's letter of the 16^th. N^o. 68 Read and his Pretensions therein made to the Arioloor, Madura and Tinnevelly Countries consider'd.

He founds his Pretensions to the first on the Promise made by that Polligar to the Mysoreans of a Sum of Money in the Time of the War; To the others on an Agreement said to be made by the Nabob with Nandirauze (The Mysore Dalloway) whereby those Countries were made over to the Mysoreans in consideration of the Assistance they brought to the Nabob.

The Committee find by the Letter wrote to Captain Caillaud by M^r. Maissin the 28^th. June which is enter'd in these Minutes the 17^th. of July that the Sum of Money promis'd by the Polligar of Arioloor to the Mysoreans was to save his Country from being plunder'd by a Party of their Troops, that a part being immediately paid, those Troops retir'd and neither the Mysoreans nor the French enter'd that Country afterwards, whence it is plain that they had not the Possession at any Time, and the formal & repeated Acknowledgments made by that Polligar to the Nabob that he had no other Master but him, gives a Right which is by no Means invalidated by M^r. Leyrit's Argument.

His Pretensions to Madura and Tinnevelly are still less to be supported. It is certain that no Agreements which The Nabob made with the Mysoreans could have their Execution untill their part was fulfill'd by assisting the Nabob untill he should be in full and firm Possession of all the Karnateck. When they turn'd their Arms against him they forfeited all those Pretensions. Neither they nor the French so much as enter'd the Madura or Tinnevelly Country the whole War; Those Districts were always dependant on Trichenopoly and the Nabob, both during the War and after the Conclusion of the Truce receiv'd Acknowledgments from the Chiefs of this Dependance.

Agreed that the above Arguments be enforc'd to M^r. Leyrit in Answer to his Letter and that he be told We shall regard any hostile Attempts he may make against Arioloor as an open Breach of the Truce, and that as to Madura and Tinnevelly we do not perceive he has the least Shadow of Right to make any Demands on that Subject.

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Receiv'd the following Letter from Colonel Lawrence & Messrs. Palk and Walsh.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President & Govr. &cA.
Gentlemen of the Committee.

Gentlemen

We met the Nabob the 19th. & accompanied him to his Encampment about a Mile from the Fort where according to the Eastern Custom he resolv'd to wait for a lucky Day to make his Entry into the City. We had a private Conference with him the 20th. when We deliver'd the Presidts. Letter and press'd him to visit Madrass before he enter'd on any publick Business which he readily consented to, but said he could not propose setting out before Tuesday as it requir'd some Days for him to settle his Family & receive the Congratulations of his Subjects. He then desir'd that We would mention aloud at his Durbar that now the Army was arriv'd here, the Polligars & his other Tributaries should be first invited to settle Accounts and pay off their Arrears but that if they did not comply without Delay they should be forc'd to it. As we were convinc'd that this must have a good Effect, we took an Opportunity of doing it at a full Assembly at which among the rest Abdul Bob Cawn Sampetrow & the Velloor Vakeel were present.

When Coll. Lawrence inform'd the Nabob of your Intentions of quartering part of the Army at Conjevaram, he desir'd the whole might remain here for the present, for keeping the Country in Awe and supporting the better his Demands on the Polligars, promising on his Part that as the Fort did not furnish proper Accomodation for the Military that they should have good Quarters prepar'd for them in the Town and be supplied with a plentifull Buzar. The Colonel consented to so reasonable a Request. He assures you of his Intentions to reduce all extraordinary Charges as soon and as much as the necessity of keeping the Troops in readiness for moving will admit. Capt. Polier is order'd to march in three Days with Eighty Men of his Company to Chingalapet, where the Colonel desires the present Garrison may be continued and that Capt Polier may be order'd to receive the Command.

Notwithstanding the Nabob's Promise of entering on no publick Business we are apprehensive you will not reap all the Benefit from it that might be expected, for We are privately inform'd that most if not all the Countries that were under the Charge of Abdull Bob Cawn are already farm'd out and the first Payments which are very large, made.

The Nabob made his publick Entry this Morning in a very splendid manner & this Evening visited the Fort. On ye 28th. We hope to accompany him into Madrass. We have the Honr. to be with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servants Stringer Lawrence—Robert Palk—John Walsh.

Arcot Fort
21st. Augst. 1755.

The Committee are much concern'd and surpriz'd to find that Abdull Vahab Cawn has given new Cowles for some of the Farms before the Nabob's Arrival although the President warn'd him against it. Agreed to defer the Consideration of this Affair untill the Nabob is present.

The Committee approve of the Army's remaining at Arcot according to the Nabob's Request, so as the Expence of Batta be put an End to.

Capt. Howes writes that he shall deliver over the Charge of the Garrison of Arcot to Captain Maskelyne & accompany the Nabob hither.

The President is desir'd to write Captain Gauppe to give the Command of the Garrison of Chingalapet to Captain Polier, as soon as he arrives there, and after

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informing him of the State of the Expedition against the Polligars, to join Messrs. Reith and Bannatyne the other Commissaries, and proceed in the Examination of the Respective Pretensions of the Nabob and the French to the contested Districts.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Lawrence, the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk and Mr. John Walsh. [26TH.]

To STRINGER LAWRENCE ESQR. MESSRS. ROBERT PALK & JOHN WALSH.

Gentlemen

We are glad to hear by your Letter of the 21st. of the Nabob's safe Arrival at Arcot and that We may soon expect him here. We have prepar'd Captain Maskelyne's House near Veparee for his Reception.

We observe what you say concerning the Disposition of the Troops and are equally pleas'd with their remaining at Arcot so as the Company be eas'd of the Charge of Batta. The President wrote to Capt. Gauppe the 23d. Inst. to acquaint him Captain Polier was to march from Arcot with his Company to take the Command of Changalapet.

What you write us concerning Abdul Vabab Cawn's having farm'd out great part of the Country convinces us more and more of the Necessity there was for the Nabob's Presence this way, that We may take the proper Steps to secure to the Company whatever they may produce hereafter. We are Gentlemen Your most Obedient servants GEORGE PIGOT—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH —WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Fort St. George
26th. August 1755.

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Leyrit of this Date agreeable to the Resolutions of the 25th. Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 69. [27]

Receiv'd the following Letter from Coll. Lawrence the Revd. Mr. Robert Palk and Mr. John Walsh.

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Colonel Lawrence was this Morning favour'd with your Letter of the 19, and is making the best Enquiry into the Truth of the Representations made by the Tripoty Renter. If he has any Ground for his Apprehensions, Orders will be left with Captain Zeigler for giving him the necessary Assistance.

The Coolies, Carriage Bullocks and about fifty of the Draught Bullocks are discharg'd and the Batta both to Sepoys & Military struck off, but the Pay to the latter having been advanc'd them as usual, was all spent, and there was a Necessity of furnishing them with two Rupees a Man for their Subsistence to the End of the Month, which is to be repaid on their taking the Field again.

Colonel Lawrence encloses Returns of the Troops now under Command of Captain Ziegler, Captain Polier having this Morning march'd with his Company for Chingalapet. Captains Lin & Beaver Lieutenants Rumbold & Fraser, and Volunteer Tabby have leave to proceed to Madrass. Volunteer Smith appointed to Trichinopoly has leave likewise to take Madrass in his way. Col. Lawrence desires you will be pleas'd to order what Men, may be at Madrass belonging to Captain Polier's Company as well as the Recruits intended for him, to march to Chingalapet.

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The Nabob will for certain set out the 26th. in the Morning and by the Route he has laid down will be at the Mount the 28th. in the Evening. We have the Honour to be with great Respect Honble Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servants STRINGER LAWRENCE—ROBERT PALK—JOHN WALSH.

Arcot Fort
24th. August 1755.

28TH. Colonel Lawrence, the Revd. Mr. Robert Palk and Mr. John Walsh arriv'd with the Nabob at Marmelan.

30TH. The Nabob having waited one Day at Marmelan to refresh came this Morning to pay a Visit to the President. He was receiv'd at the Company's Garden House by the President Rear Admiral Watson Rear Admiral Pocock and most of the Gentlemen of the Place. Twenty one Guns were fir'd at the Fort on his Entrance into the Garden House from whence he was afterwards accompanied as above to the House prepar'd for his Reception near Viparee.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

SUNDAY THE 31ST.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT	
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.

The Nabob being on the Spot it is thought necessary to take a Review of the State of his Debt to the Company and of the Current Expences in order that some Resolutions may be now taken for securing the Reimbursement of the Sums advanc'd by the Company, in the most speedy manner, & to enable us to defray the present current Disbursements of the out-Garrisons and the future additional Charge of the Troops should they be oblig'd to take the Field by the Recommencement of the Troubles, or on any other Account.

The Nabob's General Account being first turn'd to it appears that the Debt on the 30th. April last amounted to Pagodas one Million, one hundred & ninety four thousand (1,194,000) and has increas'd considerably since.

And then a State or Computation of Expences & Revenues was form'd from the Several Accounts as follow

EXPENCES ON ACCOUNT OF THE NABOB.	Rupees.
Trichenopoly Garrison ℔ Annum	396,000
Arcot ...	72,000
Changalapet ...	60,000
	528,000
or Pags. at 370 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas	142,700
to which should be added Interest on the Amount of the Debt as above at 8 ℔ Cent. ℔ Annum	96,000
Pagodas	238,000

REVENUES OF THE COUNTRIES MORTGAG'D BY THE NABOB TO THE COMPANY.		
Tripoty ℔ Annum	Pagodas	60,000
Changalapet	...	27,000
Manamangalum	...	14,000
Covelong ...	...	8,000
7 Maganums ...	...	20,000
	Pagodas	129,000

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This is in Time of Peace supposing no Troops in the Field, no military Stores expended.	
In Case of an Army in the Field there must be added for Camp Expences computed at 80,000 Rupees a Month or 960,000 ℔ Annum at 370 make Pags.	259,000
For Military Stores	36,000
Additional Expence in Case of an Army in the Field Pagodas	295,000

The Expences therefore even in Time of Peace, and without reckoning Interest on the Debt exceed the Income of the mortgag'd Countries by 13,000 Pagodas. If the Troops are in the Field the Excess is immense, especially when the extraordinary Charges of the Company at home in enlisting Recruits & otherwise are consider'd.

Hitherto nothing has been paid for the Reimbursement of the Company out of the Rents of the Arcot Country, although the Districts now in the Nabob's Possession us'd formerly (in Subter Ally Cawns Time) to produce (agreeable to a Calculation now laid before the Committee by the President) the Yearly Revenue of Rupees three Million three hundred thousand (3,300,000) but which by the Account deliver'd in by the Nabob, are now let for only one Million five hundred Thousand Rupees (1,500,000) and of this he deducts five hundred thousand for Charges.

The vast difference between the former and the present Revenues may be attributed partly to the Ravages all these Countries have undergone and partly to the bad management of the Nabob's Officers and Renters, many of whom being his Relations keep up a State equal to himself, and so a considerable part of the Revenues has been spent in useless Pomp, and lost to the Nabob, and to the Company, for four or five Years past.

It is therefore evident that if the whole Districts were mortgag'd to the Company, and left to our management it would be attended with great Advantages both to the Company and to the Nabob. To the Company it would be a Security for their Debt and the more speedy Payment of it. To the Nabob it would bring a great Increase of Revenues by the Removal of the beforemention'd Abuses; These Revenues would be fairly and regularly brought to his Credit and as soon as his Debt to the Company should be clear'd, the Districts would return entire to him under a better Regulation than they have hitherto been.

It is therefore Agreed that the President, Colonel Lawrence, Mr. Orme and Mr. Palk do wait on the Nabob with the foregoing State of Revenues and Expence, to propose to him to give us Grants by way of Mortgage for the whole Arcot Districts, now in his Possession, that the Revenues may be collected by us, and a reasonable Sum shall be allow'd him for his Expences.

If he concurs in this the Committee are of opinion that it will be best for him to return with Abdul Vahab Cawn & all his Family to the Southward, where we will assist him with our further Endeavours to free the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries, from all Disturbance, after which very considerable Revenues may be expected from thence, and a part may be paid to the Company.

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[31st.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1755.*——

The following Letter from Capt. Caillaud read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President & Govr.
and the Gentlemen of the Committee at Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was honor'd with your Instructions and Orders Gentlemen dated the 9th Instant No. 9. Inclos'd are the Musters according to form, of my several Companies in Garrison.

My Attention and Care shall be entirely employ'd in endeavouring to make the Regulations which you desire, and I hope the Reduction of Expence in the September Month will be a Proof of it. If any other Articles will admit of it, I will study the means, and submit them to your Consideration as they may occur.

I expect every Day Tondiman's Brother. Monagee has sent me a Person as I desir'd, well instructed in the Affair. I hope to make them adjust their Quarrell.

Permit me Gentlemen to put You in mind that Lieut. Robert Campbell begs your Leave for a few Days absence to settle some Business on the Coast. I remain with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your Faithful & most Obedt. humble Servant

Trichenopoly
21st. Augst. 1755.

John Caillaud.

The Committee very much hope that Captain Caillauds Endeavours to reduce the Expences at Trichenopoly will prove successful. Coll. Lawrence on this Occasion acquaints the Committee that by all the Observations he could make at Arcot he thinks the Methods laid down and follow'd by Capt. Howes as well in carrying on the Repairs of the Fort as in all the other Business of the Garrison appear to him so well calculated both for Oeconomy and Expedition that he cannot recommend the least Alteration to be made in them.

Agreed that it be recommended to Capt. Maskelyne to follow the same Plans.

Capt. Gauppe writes that Captain Polier arriv'd at Changalapet the 27th. that after giving him the necessary Information he shall set out for Madarantegum and proceed on Business with the Commissaries, & that Lieutenant Gurtler was on his March with fifteen Europeans, and the Madrass Sepoys towards Maulrauzes Wood where he is advis'd Wirum Rauze still remains.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm: Perceval.
Robt. Palk.

Friday the 5th [September.]

At a Committee

Present

George Pigot Esqr.	Govern. President
Stringer Lawrence	Henry Powney
Robert Orme	Alexr. Wynch
William Perceval	Robert Palk.

Colonel Heron's Diary and his Correspondence with the Officers under his Command having been examin'd agreeable to the Resolution of the 30th. July, the following Observations were made and order'd to be here minuted.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1755.*—— [5TH.]

1st. That instead of collecting the Revenues of the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries in concert with Mr. Maunsel conformably to our Orders he enter'd into private Accomodations with Mauphoos Cawn and farm'd out those Countries to him.

2dly. That in so farming the Countries he does not appear to have made any Enquiry concerning their true value nor to have paid the least Regard to the Statement sent him by the Nabob in which Statement the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries are valued clear of all Charges at one Million, two Hundred Thousand Rupees ℔ Annum (1,200,000).

Coll. Heron farm'd out four Months of Madura Revenues for Eighty two Thousand Rupees which is at the Rate ℔ Annum of 246,000
And one Year of Tinnevely for 350,000
596,000

which is not the half of the Value set on them by the Nabob clear of all Charges and Colonel Heron besides assign'd so large a Share as 200,000 Rupees to Mauphoos Cawn without consulting Mr. Maunsell or giving any one Reason.

3dly. That Capt Lin who was left in the Command of Madura mentions in one of his Letters from thence to Coll. Heron that he had demanded seventy five Thousand Rupees from the Killedar and in another Letter he writes that he had receiv'd eleven hundred Pagodas, neither of which Sums are any where accounted for or even mention'd by Colonel Heron.

4thly. That Colonel Heron gave his Friendship and Protection to the Moravar without obliging him first to agree to the Terms pointed out by the Nabob in his Letter to Coll. Heron on this Subject vizt. To restore the Countries he had usurp'd and pay the Tribute due from him; No such Money being any where brought to the Nabob or the Company's Credit.

5thly. That Colonel Heron after he had receiv'd our Orders for returning as soon as possible with the Army to Trichenopoly, sent a Reinforcement to Capt. Lee's Detachment, waited 12 Days at Tinnevelly and after he had begun his march, went out of the Road to the Attack of a Fort without having first receiv'd any good or certain Intelligence of it's Strength in order to Judge of the Time the Attack would detain him. By this Step many Days were lost and the Attempt prov'd unsuccessful. And

6thly. That Col. Heron's Account of the Loss suffer'd from the Colleries on the 29th. May between Madura & Trichenopoly fall very short of the Information we have receiv'd from other Hands of the Cattle, Carriages, Stores, Ammunition &ca. taken from the Company on that Day; which Misrepresentation is in itself a Crime of a very high Nature, and at the same Time bespeaks a consciousness of some bad Conduct.

Order'd that the Secretary do draw out and deliver to Colonel Heron a Charge on the several foregoing Articles and require his Answer to every one of them.

And the Nabob having deliver'd to the President a List to the Amount in Money &ca. of about a Lack of Rupees said to be receiv'd by Colonel Heron from the Polligars and Countries indebted to the Nabob, which the Committee cannot but regard as part Payments of the said Debts which Colonel Heron was sent to collect; Therefore as no Credit has been given to such Moneys &ca. It is now Agreed that Coll. Heron be requir'd to give in an exact Account of all that he receiv'd under any Title or Denomination from the Polligars, Chiefs or other Persons indebted to the Nabob.

The Secretary is order'd to copy all the Letters to and from Coll. Heron concerning the Madura & Tinnevelly Expedition in a Book apart, leaving a large Column for Remarks; and to enter all the Letters and Examinations, that may pass in the present Enquiry, in the same Book, which being transmitted to our Honble Masters will give them a full detail of Colonel Heron's Conduct in one distinct View.

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Mauphoos Cawn having yet paid only one hundred & ten Thousand Rupees out of the two Hundred and thirty two Thousand due to the Company for the Rents of the Madura and Tinnevelly Villages it is Agreed that Capt Caillaud be directed to demand the Ballance of Rupees one hundred and twenty two Thousand (122,000).

A Letter from Capt Polier at Changalapet read enclosing Copy of one from Lieutenant Gurtler who commanded the Party sent against Maulrauze. Lieut. Gurtler advises that as soon as he came near to that Polligar's Wood, he dispatch'd the Presidents Letter to him and while he was waiting for an Answer some of the Polligars People who had hid themselves in the Bushes fir'd upon our Sepoys & wounded some of them upon which they all ran away. Lieut. Gurtler then advanc'd towards the Wood with the Europeans five of whom being also wounded and having no Assistance from the Sepoys he thought it best not to attempt to force the Wood wherefore he return'd to Trivatoor to wait for Orders.

Agreed that the Sepoys be quarter'd at Poonemalee, there to wait in readiness for a good Opportunity of falling on Maulrauze, and that the Europeans with the wounded Men return to Changalapet.

Letter from Captain Maskelyne read inclosing the Monthly Returns of the Garrison of Arcot and desiring Directions how to dispose of 220 Pagodas collected from the contested Districts whilst he was Commissary.

Agreed that Capt. Maskelyne be directed to bring the 220 Pagodas to the Credit of the Commissary on the Nabob's Account and to keep it for the use of the Garrison.

Capt. Ziegler Commander of the Army at Arcot Advises that having receiv'd Intelligence that the Nabob of Cuddapah had an actual Design to make a Descent upon Tripoty during the Feast He detach'd two Companies of Sepoys with proper Instructions to support our Renter.

The Committee approve of this Precaution and it is Agreed that Capt Ziegler be directed to send a further Reinforcement to Tripoty if he should find it necessary.

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STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M: PERCEVAL
ROB^T. PALK.

[9TH.] Sent to Colonel Heron a Letter of this Date from the Secretary conformably to the Resolutions of the 5th. Instant, which is enter'd in the Book apart.

TUESDAY THE 9TH. AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT Esq^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEX^R. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL — ROBERT PALK.

The President and the Gentlemen appointed in Committee the 31st. August to confer with the Nabob having had several Conversations with him on the Subject Matter of the Resolutions made in the said Committee, on all which Occasions he the Nabob express'd the greatest Sense of the necessity of providing as speedily as possible, as well for the Payment of the large Sum the Company has advanc'd for him, as to enable them to support the present Expence and the Heavy Charge of the Troops in case the Troubles should recommence, but at the same Time represented.

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the Hurt it would do him at Court, how much it would lessen him in the Eyes of the People, and alienate them from his Interest, were he agreeable to the Plan propos'd, to divest himself entirely of the Government of the Arcot Country, by making it over to the Company which would also render him incapable of discharging the large Arrears now due to his Troops, who are become extremely pressing on that Account.

The President and Gentlemen abovemention'd thereupon represented to the Nabob that his Troops were of little or no Service to him, although extremely expensive, & recommended it strenuously to him to discharge the greatest Part of them. He promis'd that it should be done immediately, and assur'd them also that he would reduce every part of his Expences, and think of Nothing but paying his Debt to the Company. As a Proof of these his Intentions he now offers by way of beginning

To give us a Bill on the Soucars or Soroffs payable within the Year for eight Lack of Rupees and to make over to the Company the Countries of Peddipollam & Poonaree which are valued at about 30,000 Pagodas a Year and are the Places where the Company's fine Goods are provided, for the Paym^{t} in part of the above Sum, to be collected by the Company from those Countries.

And as the Polligars of the Arcot Country are indebted large Sums to the Circar, The Nabob desires we will assist him in obliging them to pay and he will give the half of those Collections also to the Company.

The Committee having consider'd these Proposals find them very far short of their Intentions and that they will not more than clear the Expences of the Year. In Consideration however of the Eight Lack of Rupees, which must be borrow'd no doubt on the present Farms of the Arcot Country, of the large Arrears due to the Nabob's Troops and of his earnest Representations It is Agreed to leave the Government in his own hands and to ask only the Addition of the Conjeveram Districts to the foregoing Offers, the Revenues of which are computed to be between forty & fifty Thousand Pagodas It's Situation is convenient for our Government and there is great Reason to imagine that by setting the Weavers on different Fabricks, from what they make at Present Considerable part of the Company's Coarse Cloths might be provided there, were this Place in our Possession.

This it is Agreed unanimously to insist on for the present Year, & it is also resolv'd to take the Opportunity of the Nabob's Presence to make a farther Provision for the next Year, and to that end to ask his Consent to the following Proposals.

As the Nabob does at this Time find Means to pay Eight Lack of Rupees out of the current Revenues of the Arcot Country, although a considerable Share had been receiv'd by Abdul Vahab Cawn before his Arrival, and large Arrears are due to his Troops; The Committee judge that he will be able to pay more the next Year in proportion to the decrease of his Expences.

As the Rents of Madura and Tinnevelly will probably be a large additional Revenue for the next Year It is very reasonable the Company who were at the Expence of regaining those Countries should receive the half of that,

And in General the half of the Tribute from the Polligars of all the Dependencies in the Nabob's Possession.

The Committee unanimously resolve to desire of the Nabob an Agreement or Provision for the next Year according to the foregoing Plan & for the better securing the Company from any Disappointment it is Agreed that it be represented to the Nabob that he must at all Times give us sufficient Notice when any of his Countries are to be farm'd out that so an Agent on our part may be present at the farming and Receive Security on the new Cowles for the Company's Share of the Revenues.

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That the Nabob be desir'd to send Vakeels from hence to demand the Tribute due from the several Polligars of the Arcot Country & that the President write at the same Time to the Polligars requiring them to pay the Sums due & declaring that the Army will march against them if they refuse & make them answerable for the whole Expence over & above the Tributes due.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM: PERCEVAL.
[ROBT. PALK.]

AT A COMMITTEE

THURSDAY THE 11TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.	GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.

The President having laid before the Nabob the Proposals resolv'd on last Meeting receiv'd Yesterday the following Answer.

FROM THE NABOB. RECEIV'D THE 10TH SEPTEMR. 1755.

I have receiv'd a Paper by Antazey Punt containing three several Articles & have observ'd the Particulars of them and now take the Liberty to answer the said Articles as follows which will inform you very fully.

You wrote to me to give the Company Conjeveram, Padapalam & Ponnar; On my part I represented to you several Times very fully the State of my Expences and at length agreed to give Pedapalam and Ponnar by way of Mortgage. As to Conjeveram it remains in the Possession of the Circar with a few other Districts, I hope therefore that you'll be so favourable as to excuse me from complying with that Demand for I am not at all able to do it.

You wrote to me also to give you Bills upon the Savacars for two Lacks of Pagodas in part Charges of the Company, which I agree to & after the amount of the Revenues of Pedapalem and Ponnar is deducted therefrom I shall get the Savacars to give Security to the Company for the remaining part.

You wrote to me further that you'll give me the necessary Assistance to oblige the Polligars to pay the Circar's PeishCash & added that half of it should be paid to the Circar & the other half to the Company; This I agree to & You may be assur'd that by the Blessing of God half of what I collect from the Polligars shall be paid to the Company. This is a proper Season to collect the Money from the Polligars. The Monsoon is near at hand, the sooner you send me away with a proper Force the better as a Delay will be of great disadvantage to Affairs. It is necessary to shew your Favour in this Affair. What can I say more?

The President then acquainted the Committee that the Nabob had most earnestly requested we would not insist on the Government of the Conjeveram Countries, it's Situation so near to Arcot and in the Heart of the Province, rendering it of particular concern to him.

The Committee unwilling for many Reasons to do any Thing that might either disgust or disgrace the Nabob do Agree to recede from that Demand and to be satisfyed for the Present with the Bills for Eight Lack of Rupees, the Mortgage of Poonaree & Pedipollam in part of the said Sum and his Promise of half the Money that may be collected from the Polligars.

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But the Nabob having given no Answer in his before written Letter to the Proposals agreed on last meeting for the future Security of the Company, the President is desir'd to repeat those Stipulations to him and to get his Promise under his hand Viz^t. That the Company shall have half the future Revenues of Madura and Tinnevelly.

That He will give us previous Notice when any Countries are to be farm'd out, and at all Times acquaint us (or our Agent with him) before hand of all Accommodations or Agreements he may be about to make with any Polligar or other Person under his Government.

And as the Nabob says this is a proper Season to collect the Money due from the Polligars & has promis'd to give half to the Company, The President is desir'd to apply to him for a List of the said Polligars and an Account of the Revenues due from each.

Letter from the Tripoty Renter read inclosing Bills for Arcot Rupees ten Thousand seven hundred and thirty four (10734) which he writes is in full of the June or third Kist, being the last in the Year.

Order'd that the Account of the said Kist be drawn out and laid before the Committee, and the Commissary is directed to demand Payment of the Bills.

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STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
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ROB^T. PALK.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESID^T.		MONDAY THE 15TH.
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY	
ROBERT ORME	ALEX^R. WYNCH	
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.	

A Letter from Colonel Heron to the Secretary without Date Read in Answer to the Letter wrote him by the Secretary the 9^th. Instant pursuant to the Resolutions of the Committee held the 5^th. Instant.

The Committee then proceeded to compare the said Answer Article by Article with the Letter wrote him, which Comparison is Order'd to be here inserted at length, together with the Remark of the Committee on each Article.

1^st. Article

Colonel Heron instead of giving Answer to the first Charge which requires him to name by what Authority he farm'd out the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries to Mauphoos Cawn proceeds to give his Reasons for so doing which are that he could find no other Person that had either Money or Credit, The Troubles having drove all the considerable Merchants and wealthy People out of the Countries and Mauphoos Cawn being himself Governour and Commander in Chief of all those Countries he look'd upon him to be the most able Person to raise Money for the Company.

Remark

These Reasons serve as little to satisfy the Committee as they do to answer the Question propos'd. Mauphoos Cawn, be he call'd by whatever name Colonel Heron pleases, was the Nabob's Officer, sent to take Charge of the Countries then in Possession of the Rebells Colonel Heron was sent to subdue and it was from this Mauphoos

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Cawn as well as from Col[L]. Heron and M[R]. Maunsell the Committee expected all Receipts should be given for Moneys collected, neither the one nor the other had Authority to act without the whole; The Committee are therefore of Opinion that Colonel Heron in taking this Step has acted contrary to their Orders which were jointly with those Gentlemen to collect the Rents.

2[d].

In Answer to the Second Charge which requires Colonel Heron to tell us upon what Information he fix'd the value of the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries He replies that he had his Information from a Person who had formerly been Killedar of Madura, the Cutwall who had the Charge of the Town of Madura and deliver'd the Keys upon the Army's approach, the Nattom Polligar whose Country joins upon Madura, and others, in regard to the value of the Villages depending thereon; and as to those of Tinnevelly he inform'd himself from Modaly the most Considerable Man in the Country who constantly attended in behalf of the Company, & from whom he learnt the Nabob had been grossly mistaken in the present value of the Countries and of the Money due as the Revenues were much decreas'd by the King of Travencore and several other Polligars who had seiz'd many Villages and are still in possession thereof.

Remark

The Committee think proper here to observe that on a Review of the several Accounts they find the three and a half Lack of Rupees which they charg'd Colonel Heron with having set the Tinnevelly Countries at for one Year, appears to be the Amount of their Rent for four Months only which bringing it considerably nearer the Nabob's Statement lessens the Surprize they before express'd and therefore they have only to remark that had Colonel Heron been properly empower'd to farm out the Countries of Madura and Tinnevelly, The Informations he mentions to have got might have justified him in setting them somewhat under the value they were rated at by the Nabob; but as he had no Orders for so doing he should only have collected what Moneys he was able to receive during his stay there & deliver'd those Countries on his Departure to the Charge of the Nabob's Officers leaving it to us to settle what part of the future Revenues which might accrue therefrom were to be paid the Company.

3[d].

Colonel Heron in Answer to the third Article whereby he is requir'd to give his Reasons for allotting so large a Proportion as two Lack of Rupees out of the Tinnevelly Rents to Mauphoos Cawn instead of bringing the whole to the Company's Account and then in concert with M[R]. Maunsell allowing a reasonable Sum for the Expences of the Nabob's Troops Says That he did not assign one Shilling to Mauphoos Cawn out of the Tinnevelly Rents but when Modaly was upon Terms with Mauphoos Cawn and offer'd two Lacks; which He, Colonel Heron, would willingly have accepted, Mauphoos Cawn sent the Nabob's Buxie to acquaint him the Villages were worth three Lack and a half, upon which he himself waited on Mauphoos Cawn who refusing to give more than one and a half Lack He, Colonel Heron return'd to Moodaly but found he had been so much threaten'd by Mahomet Cawn the then Killedar of Tinnevelly that he could not be brought to treat further, He therefore agreed with Mauphoos Cawn on a Promise that he would ask no Money out of what might be collected from the Polligars either for himself or Brother which he consented to and no more was paid him.

Remark

The Committee Remark that Colonel Heron's Answer to this Article does not Correspond either with the Letter he wrote the Nabob from Tinnevelly or with the Commissary's Account wherein the Expedition is credited three hundred and fifty Thousand (350,000) Rupees for the Tinnevelly Rents and debted two hundred thousand (200,000) for the Nabob's Proportion; the other Reasons he gives might have been

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sufficient to convince him that Mauphoos Cawn or Modaly or both of them wanted to impose on him and therefore instead of closing with him he should have been the more cautious of entering into any Engagements he had no authority for.

As to the Agreement made by Colonel Heron with Mauphoos Cawn whereby this last gave up all Right for himself and his Brother to any part of the Money to be collected from the Polligars, was no doubt a written Agreement, it is Order'd that he be call'd upon for it; This is the more necessary because the Nabob pretends a Right to the half of the two Lack for which Hostages are at Trichenopoly.

Agreed to defer the Consideration of the rest of Colonel Heron's Letter 'till tomorrow Morning and the said Letter is order'd to be enter'd in the Book apart N°.

Letter from Captain Caillaud read as follows

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r. President & Gov^r. &c^a. Gentlemen of the Committee at Madrass.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs No. 11

My last was of the 23^d. acknowledging the receipt of your last Favor N°. 9 dated the 9^th. August. According to the Orders and Directions, with which I have been honor'd from you Gentlemen, I have made some Reductions in the last Month's Accounts, and have charg'd to the Killedar several Articles of Expence which were before paid on Account by the Hoñble Company.

The reduction of the Batta is to take place this ensuing Month. Annex'd is the Regulation & Reduction which I have made with regard to the Sepoys & which they have agreed to cheerfully: especially as I have lower'd the Price of Provisions (Rice being now sold at 14, instead of 13 Seer a Rupee) when the Harvest comes in, if I can still lower them something may be done towards the Reduction of the Military Batta. untill then the Soldiers have need of the Allowance. They must have Meat with their Rice; Besides some Articles in their Expence, which are much dearer here than on the Coast, in particular Shoes and Stockings.

This Month also I propose reducing the Pay and Batta of the Lascars from 10 to 8 Rupees ℔ Month. Upon the whole Gentlemen, equal to the Confidence and trust you have been pleas'd to repose in me, equal to the Sense I have of the Honour done me, and of my earnest Wishes to deserve it; I will make it my study to consult in every Article the Ease and good of my Hoñble Masters inseperable from their Advantage and Interests.

The Nabob farms the Revenues Customs arising out of the Buzar & Town Duties at 52 Thousand Rupees yearly. The Expences of the Fort one Month with another will not be less than 3000; That, with the Allowance he makes to the Killedar of 1000 more, amounts to 48 Thousand Rupees yearly, a very small Ballance then remains to him of what is collected.

The Money for the Securities is not yet come; Being so often put off makes me afraid to mention any Time in which they promise to pay it I have confin'd them to a Week, in which space of time if the Money does not come, I have threaten'd to change their Prison for a worse, and to put them in Irons; these menaces I hope will have some effect. I have wrote to Mauphoos Cawn concerning them, and also to send such Acco^t. as you desire Gentlemen; In which I have desir'd him to be very particular. As the original comes I will send it. There is nothing but good News from that Quarter, The Polligars are all coming in to him; The Pullitavre not excepted, who sent several Vakeels to desire an Accomodation.

Tondiman has sent his Brother to me concerning the present Quarrel. The only right of possession from which the Affair can be fix'd seems to me this. about six Years ago Monagee was besieging Ardangee Fort; finding more resistance before it then he expected, or had force to cope with, Tondiman was applied to, for his Assistance; which he gave on Condition that Monagee would get from the King

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a Cowle for the Country now in dispute call'd Corahnelly (a plain Indication that if the Fort did not then belong to the King of Tanjore, Tondiman had no need to ask such a Concession) Ardangee Fort was taken & a Cowle (as Tondiman Says) given according to Monagee's Promise from the King, securing the lawfull Possession of the Fort and dependant Country to Tondiman and his Heirs for ever. I have desir'd a Copy of the Cowle from Tondiman, & also one from Monagee, that I might compare them together. Tondiman's Brother has sent for his, But Monagee sends me word, that the man in whose Possession the Copy of the Cowle was is dead, nor can his Widow find it amongst his Papers. This looks like an Evasion on the Tanjore side. And if Tondaman's Cowle be not Conditional, or if it is, and he can prove he has kept the Conditions on which he holds it, the other certainly has no Right to that Country. And he must desist from his Pretensions. The Demand of another Country call'd Tremian which Monagee also claims for the Kings is a most Intricate long Story, but seems rather more favourable on Tondiman's Side; but if We can make them relinquish the one, the other falls of Course.

The King of Tanjore complains heavily of Tondiman's committing the first Hostilities which Tondiman denies, and says what he did was only an Act of Retaliation, the other having begun first. I have sent People on the Spot to enquire into the Complaints of both, and fix if possible on the agressor, who must make the other Reparation, and then we must endeavour to stop further Hostilities. If I find my next Letters are of no avail with Monagee, agreeable to the leave you have given me Gentlemen, I will set out for Tanjore to see if talking with them will be of more purpose, being unwilling to avoid, as I believe you are Gentlemen, the last Step of marching a Party against the Offenders, unless drove to absolute necessity.

Inclos'd I have the Honour to transmit to you Gentlemen the Accounts and Returns for the Month of August. The difference in the Increase of the Military Disbursements from the last Month, of about 100 Pagodas, arises from my paying the Sick left behind of the Camp Command; The one half which are recover'd I have sent down to St. Davids the remainder when able to march shall follow. I am with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & faithfull Servant

[Trichenopoly, 1st. Sept. 1755.] J. CAILLAUD.

The Committee observe with the greatest Pleasure the Reduction Captain Caillaud has made in the Batta of the Sepoys and Lascars and hope that his Endeavours to accomodate the difference between Tondiman and the King of Tanjore will not be less successfull.

Order'd that the State of the Reduction of Batta be enter'd after these Minutes and that it be observ'd whenever any Detachment takes the Field, which will lessen the Expence greatly.

The Tripoty Renter's Account Current of the June Kist having been drawn out agreeable to the order of last meeting is now laid before the Committee, examin'd and found right, Ballance due from the Renter Pagodas four hundred and fourteen, thirteen Fanams and sixty Cash (414–13–60) which the President is desir'd to order him to remit.

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REGULATION FOR THE REDUCTION OF BATTA TO THE SEPOYS TO TAKE PLACE IN TRICHENOPOLY THE 1st SEPTEMR. 1755.

	Present Batta in Garrison which is doubled in the Field.	Batta in Garrison Reduced		Batta in the Field Reduced	
	Rupees ₹ Month	Rupees ₹ month or	Fanams ₹ day	Rupees ₹ Month or	[Fanams ₹ Day]
Subadar	15	10	4	20	[8]
Jemidar	7	5	2	9	[3 5/8]
Havildars	5	3	1 1/8	5	2
Naigues	5	3	1 1/8	5	2
Sepoys	3 3/4	2	4/5 or 64 Cash.	5	2

AT A COMMITTEE

TUESDAY THE 16TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT
... ... HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL ROBERT PALK.

The further Consideration of Colonel Heron's Letter, read last Committee, being now enter'd upon it is observ'd.

4th. Article.

That in reply to the fourth Article which requires him to give an exact Account of all that he receiv'd in Money or otherwise upon any Account or upon any Title from the Polligars, Chiefs or other Persons of what Denomination who were indebted to the Nabob whose Debts he was sent to collect, Colonel Heron says that he never settled any Accounts with the Polligars nor their Chiefs; That the Nabob himself settled with all in the Trichenopoly District at Manapar and that he had the following Presents.

1000 Rupees in Fanams from the Nabob himself on taking Lackynaig's Country.

500 Rupees & a small Jewell from the Nattom Polligar on passing thro his Country.

15000 Rupees brought him by the Buxie on entering Tinnevelly.

600 Pagodas and two trifling Jewells from the Moravar with a Sick Elephant which after died.

That the Nabob (meaning Mauphoos Cawn) after having settled with the Polligars and receiv'd the usual Presents paid on these Occasions sent him 20,000 Rupees in Madura Fanams by Captain Lee. That he was promis'd five thousand (5,000) Rupees more from Mauphoos Cawn but his Killedar not being in Madura when he return'd, he never receiv'd it.

That the above are all the Presents of any Consequence he can recollect to have receiv'd; that Mr. Maunsell has render'd a just Account of all the Money receiv'd by either of them on account of the Company and that he should have march'd against the Tinnevelly Polligars to have settled with them himself but his Health would not permit it.

REMARK

Upon this Article the Committee Remark that while the Nabob was with the Army he certainly was the properest Person to settle Accounts with the Polligars but this was only the Case with those that lye near Trichinopoly. The Committee have no Objection to the present the Nabob there made Colonel Heron, on the contrary it is a Pleasure to them to find that his Conduct was then agreeable to him, But to

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the other Part of his Reply there are many Objections to be made, chiefly to that wherein he says he never settled any Accounts with the Polligars; It was only for this Intent he was sent into those Countries with a force to enable him to do it, and for the greater Satisfaction both of the Nabob and the Company, Mr. Maunsell and the Nabob's Officer were join'd with him in this Commission. Colonel Heron having trusted this material Affair entirely to the Nabob's Officer gives the Committee too great Reason to believe that not only these Sums given as Presents by him, but many larger were collected by that Officer which would have been brought to the Company's Credit had Colonel Heron paid a due Regard to the Orders and Instructions given him by us. To be farther satisfied herein it is Agreed to call upon Captain Lee and the Nabob's Buxie now in the Place to give us what Information they can on this Subject and also to enquire of Mr. Maunsell what Money he receiv'd for the Company and to compare his Account with the Nabob's; Order'd that they attend the Committee to morrow morning.

5th.

Colonel Heron in Answer to this Article which requires him to acquaint us for what Account Captain Lin receiv'd (11,00) Eleven hundred Pagodas and demanded seventy five Thousand (75000) Rupees from the Killedar of Madura Replies that he cannot at this Time give an exact Account of this, it having escap'd his Memory but that Captain Lin and Mr. Maunsell will; that as far as he can recollect now the 1100 Pagodas was one part on Acct. of Prize Paddy sold to the Cutwal which has been accounted for among the Money receiv'd from Mauphoos Cawn for the Madura Villages; that the remainder he believes might be on Account of the Buzar or Town Duties which he thought his Right at the different Times he commanded there and was granted by Mauphoos Cawn for which he receiv'd five hundred Pagodas from Captain Lin; That he thinks this, as a Buzar Duty, is a Perquisite of Command and never disputed in this Country, that the 75,000 Rupees must be Mauphoos Cawn's Debt still due but that it may be fully explain'd by the above Gentlemen,

Remark

The Committee have here to observe that if a small Tax is necessary to be levied on the Buzars in Camp to keep them near upon a footing with the Buzzars of the Blacks and that this Tax be as Colonel Heron says the Perquisite of the Commanding Officer they are well assur'd it has amounted to very little more than has been disburs'd in the Pay of the People necessary for the Inspection of the Buzzars which Expence it would be unreasonable to put the Company to, and it is besides well known that the Overplus has been usually applied to the Reward of such Men as have most distinguish'd themselves on Service. But Taxes have never been levied on the Buzzars in Towns or Forts by the Commanding Officer of the Garrison nor can it be allow'd. Order'd that Captain Lin be summon'd to attend the Committee tomorrow Morning to give them further Information on this Article.

6th.

Colonel Heron in Answer to this Charge which requires his Reasons for closing with the Morravar before he on his part had complied with the Terms the Nabob desir'd him to insist on Says that he must be in Friendship with the Morravar or have him for an Enemy, that he did comply with the Promise as far as the Orders of the President and Committee would admit him to do that he deliver'd up all the Villages he had belonging to the Nabob in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries and would have sent some of his most considerable People to Trichenopoly, there to settle all Differences betwixt him and the Nabob, but by Orders, He (Colonel Heron) parted with him (the Morravar) at a very unseasonable Time when his Troops were join'd with ours against the Polligars And that if his Troops had continued with us as he propose'd without any Expence to the Nabob we should never have had the smallest Opposition from any Polligar whatever.

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REMARK

The Committee have here to observe that it was not Colonel Heron's Part to rely on any Promises of the Morravar but to collect the Tribute due or as much thereof as possible. It is not surprizing the Nabob's People should be put in Possession of the Villages the Morravar had wrested from him in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries when so large a Force had enter'd them; But it is very surprizing that Colonel Heron should shew such particular Favour to this Man by granting him Flags and other Marks of Distinction without making him pay any part of his Debt to the Nabob. By this Step our constant Friend the King of Tanjore as well as Tondaman was much disgusted and it was for this Reason Colonel Heron had Directions from the Committee to come to no Terms with him untill he had settled Accounts to the Satisfaction both of the Tanjore King and the Nabob.

7th.

Colonel Heron to this Article which requires him to acquaint us with his Reasons for staying twelve Days at Tinnevelly after receiving Orders to return with the Army to Trichenopoly and for going afterwards out of to the Attack of a Fort without having any good or certain Intelligence of its Strength whereby to judge how long the Attempt would detain him, sending at the same Time for heavy Cannon to so great a Distance as Madura whence it would have taken many Days to transport them Replies that his Reason for staying twelve Days at Tinnevelly was that he had then several Parties out against the Polligars which could not be drawn in sooner, that indeed they were call'd in too soon & greatly to the prejudice of the Nabob's & Company's Affairs for when he and the Officers sent amongst the Polligars had the highest prospect of receiving large Sums of Money, Letters from Madrass were privately convey'd to the Black People acquainting them that the Army was order'd to return which Accounts were industriously spread amongst the Polligars to prevent the Company's receiving any Money & circular Letters were sent by Mahomed Cawn then Killedar of Tinnevelly for that purpose; That he had further strong Reasons for not marching sooner which were that a considerable Quantity of Paddy and Warlike Stores were in NelleCotah and PalemCotah all which must have fallen into the Enemy's Hands had they been abandon'd before the Nabob could get Garrisons for them, and that even when he did march the Army, there were two Parties out which had Orders to follow him with all possible Expedition. That his Reasons for going out of his way to march against the Pollitavre Fort were that he had receiv'd a Letter from Captain Lee who had then a Number of Prisoners with him as Securities from the Polligars for the Payment of the Nabob's Revenues to the Amount of two Lacks and upwards which Money Captain Lee wrote he expected to receive in three or four Days & that Mauphoos Cawn and his principal Officers having represented that the Reduction of the Pollitavre Fort would be of the greatest Service to the Nabob's Affairs & that it being weak might be taken in three or four Days He thought to employ his Time for that purpose but upon viewing the Place he found that his six Pounders had no Effect upon the Walls for which Reason he sent with all Expedition for the Eighteen Pounder & had the Hircar been commonly expeditious the Cannon would have been up & the Place reduc'd before he receiv'd the two last Letters from the Committee which determin'd him to march directly for Madura.

REMARK

The Committee here take Notice that it neither appears to them by the Journal of Colonel Heron's Proceedings nor from his Letter before them that any Reasons he gives are of sufficient weight to justify his not putting their Orders to march, immediately in Execution on receipt of them. Captain Lee's seems to be the only Command that was abroad from which we could hope to receive any Collections of Consequence and whom Colonel Heron might with more ease have join'd by keeping the direct Road to Madura than not, and as to the Hostages he speaks of, there is great Reason to believe that their Ransoms would be offer'd as soon by the Party's moving as by its Continuance there, especially if these Hostages were People of

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Consequence, for it is natural to suppose that the Polligars would be very desirous to redeem their Relations when they found they were going away Prisoners and as reasonable to think that those Polligars would be more able to raise Money after the Army had left their Territories than while it was in them. But had this not been the Case; admit that it was necessary for Captain Lee to remain abroad with his Detachment a few Days, as that Detachment lay directly to the Eastward of the Madura Road Col$^{l.}$ Heron's marching to the Pollitavre Fort which lay near Forty Miles to the Westward, the Committee judge to have very little the Appearance of being in haste to join Captain Lee or put their Orders in Execution, which Orders Colonel Heron had then receiv'd sixteen Days, How much less must it appear so when He could think of sending for heavy Cannon more than one Hundred Miles which could not reasonably be expected to arrive under sixteen or eighteen Days more, as appears by Colonel Heron's Journal having wrote for them the 9$^{th.}$ May & not meeting them till the 17$^{th.}$ when they were little more than one third of the way from Madura.

His other Plea of the Paddy and Warlike Stores laying in NelleCotah and Pollum Cotah appears very insufficient to justify the least Delay of the Army; their Value must have been considerable to have defray'd the Expence of the Army twenty four Hours and could not have been applied to a better use than the Defence of the Places they were in and the Support of the Garrisons, which Garrisons might have been furnish'd with Men out of the Number Colonel Heron was directed to leave in those Countries & it is amazing that He could not take Mauphoos Cawn's Word for payment of the Amount of those Articles if it was thought necessary to charge for them after having trusted him with the Revenues of the whole Country.

The President having call'd upon the Quarter Masters of the Military and Train for Returns of the Loss sustain'd from the Colleries in the Nattom Woods on the 29$^{th.}$ May, now lays them before the Committee and although upon a Comparison of them with Colonel Heron's Account of the Loss of that Day they do not appear widely different Yet the Committee are well inform'd that near one hundred draft Bullocks were stabb'd by the Colleries & many Carriages lost with them.

And the Committee have besides sufficient Reason to be assur'd that this Attack of the Colleries was occasion'd by Col$^{l.}$ Heron's carrying away a large Number of the Religious Images from Coleguddy Pagoda; which, because the Bramins would not pay the Sum of Money it was hop'd they would give for the Ransom of them, were put into a Tumbril in order to be transported to Trichenopoly but the Colleries took them in this Attack on the 29$^{th.}$ May.

The Committee cannot but esteem this to be an Action unworthy of an English Officer and an Action which must undoubtedly cause a great Prejudice against the Nation all through the Country where it was committed.

There is Information also of two other Actions, which are said to have been committed under Colonel Heron's Command and which are equally necessary to be enquir'd into. One is that Several Braminy Women were taken from one of The Tinnevelly Villages and detain'd some Time in Camp. The Other that a Guard was plac'd by Colonel Heron & kept for several Days on the House of a Moorman at Tinnevelly.

Order'd that the Secretary do form a Letter from the whole Substance of the foregoing Minutes & that it be compar'd with the Informations to be receiv'd to morrow from Captain Lee, Capt. Lin, M$^{r.}$ Maunsell and the Nabob's Buxey.

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AT A COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY THE 17TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL — ROBERT PALK.

Captain Lee, Captain Lin, Mr. Maunsell and a Bramin deputed by the Nabob's Bucksey being in Attendance agreeable to the Orders of last Committee; Captain Lee was first call'd upon and the following Questions being ask'd him he return'd the several Answers underwritten.

QUESTION. What was the Substance of your Orders from Colonel Heron when you march'd from Tinnevelly against the Polligars.

ANSWER. To go with five Companies of Sepoys to endeavour to settle by fair Means with all the Polligars, the Buxey accompanied me on behalf of the Nabob and Modilly on the part of the Company, without the Consent and approbation of both which Persons I was not to take any Step regarding the setling any Money Affairs but in Concert with them & with their Approbation I was empower'd to settle.

The 17th. at Night I marchd to Wresth by the desire of the Buxey & Modilly at which Place the Head Vakeel from Hedratura (the Capital of Ettaponaigs Country) agreed with the Buxey & Modilly to give such People as I should to demand as Securities for 70,000 Rupees, half of which was receiv'd by Bills on Tinnevelly payable in twenty five Days & the Remainder was to be paid in four Months for which a written Agreement was given either to the Buxey or Moodaly; These Bills were afterwards protested, had they been paid those Securities were to have been releas'd, and the head Vakeel to have been sent as Security for the other half.

The same Night Vizt. the 17th. of April I receivd Coll. Heron's Orders for returning to Tinnevelly, I set out the next Day leaving the Command with Capt. Callender.

The 26th. April at Night I was sent out again by Coll. Heron with a Reinforcement to join Captain Callender, & met him at Vellarum the 29th.

The 30th. early in the Morning I march'd to attack Panschatacrutch (the Capital of the Pollygar Kattaponaigue) into which place I flung some Shells and the 1st. May in the Morning he sent some of his People to treat who gave Securities for the Sum of 80,000 Rupees; I afterwards march'd to Cogil Pettah a Place belonging to the Polligar Ettaponaigue where it was recommended to me by the Buxey and Modilly to remain three or four Days as they hop'd in that Time to settle with the Polligars of CoilPettah and Elirampary and also to have the Securites given by the Kattaponaigue and Ettaponaigue redeem'd, I wrote this to Colonel Heron who was at Horsewill & who in Answer desir'd to see me, I therefore left the Command with Captain Callender and meeting Coll. Heron told him that I had great Hopes of settling with the Polligars and having the Securities redeem'd as above if I could remain about four Days which Coll. Heron consenting to, I return'd back to my Command at CogilPettah. It was at this Time Coll. Heron determin'd to march against the Pullitavre I having acquainted him with the Information I had receiv'd that the Force of the Pullitavre was inconsiderable and that he would settle upon the first appearance of the Army in his Country which Information Colonel Heron the Pullatavre's Vakeel who had been with me all along and given me the above Information.

QUESTION. Could you not have gone a direct Road to Madura from the Polligars Country where you then was and join'd Coll. Heron there with more Convenience than at the Place where you did join him.

ANSWER. I could have gone a direct Road to Madura if I had been so order'd.

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QUEST^N. What Money was receiv'd from the Polligars you was sent against.

ANS^R. No Money was receiv'd on Account of the Company only the Securities, but it was reported that the Buxey and Modilly had during the March receiv'd several Sums. The Buxey and I did receive in ready Money to the amount of 73,000 Rupees which I was told were presents, and I constantly advis'd Colonel Heron of these Receipts about 40,000 Rupees was in my Hands and the rest in the Buxey's who propos'd to me to make a Division of it between us and the Nabob's & Company's Troops, I rejected this Proposal brought the Money to Camp and ask'd Colonel Heron what I should do with it, who said that as it was not the Company's Money he would have nothing to do with it Mauphoos Cawn made a Demand of it saying that it was customary for the Polligars to make these Presents to the Nabob exclusive of the Revenues, with which I acquainted Colonel Heron who order'd me to deliver the Money to Mauphoos Cawn which I accordingly did, and Mauphoos Cawn gave me 3000 Rupees on Account of that Command & 2000 to discharge a former Obligation, I had from him at Madura. The Following is an Account of the Distribution of the whole Sum :—

1,000 to Mauphoos Cawn for the Nabob
15,000 to Mauphoos Cawn himself
20,000 to Colonel Heron
5,000 to the Buxey
5,000 to me as beforemention'd
2,000 to Abdul Raheem Cawn
2,000 to Captain Callender
4,000 to Rangapah Colonel Heron's Dubash
2,000 to M^r. Maunsell on a former Obligation given him at Madura, M^r. Maunsell and I being sent before the Army to Madura the Keys were deliver'd to us & these Presents of 2000 Rup^s. apiece promis'd by Mauphoos Cawn
1,000 to the Officers of my Command
1,000 to the Buxey's Dubash
1,000 to Mauphoos Cawn's Dubash
500 to Captain Lee's Dubash
3,000 to Modilly
500 to Captain Beaver for taking Nelly Cotah which Mauphoos Cawn had before promis'd.
1,000 to Goupal

73,000 Rupees.

This Dividend was made by Mauphoos Cawn the 15th. & 16th. May at Bombe Cotah and wrote in Persians with his own hand. I gave no Receipts for any of this Money, nor did I take any when it was paid away.

Captain Lee was then order'd to withdraw and Captain Lin being call'd in, was askd the following Questions to which he return'd the several Answers underwritten.

QUEST^N. On what Account did you receive 1,100 and odd Pagodas from the Killedar of Madura and what did you do with the Money.

ANS^R. When Col^l. Heron went away for Tinnevelly and left me in the Command of Madura, he order'd me not to interfere in the Collection of any Revenues whatever; Provisions being extremely dear in the Town I publish'd an

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Order by beat of the Tom tom that all Taxes upon Provisions should cease untill the Return of the Army upon which the Killedar and Cutwall came to me and represented that this Order would take off from the Revenues of the Town by which Means he (Cutwall) would be render'd unable to perform his Agreement with Col^l. Heron, I acquainted Cutwall that the dearness of Provisions was the Reason of my publishing the Order, and propos'd then to set up a Buzar of my own without the Town, to which Cutwall answer'd that even that wou'd effect his Revenues in the same manner; I dropp'd my Intention upon these Representations and soon after receiv'd a Letter from M^r. Maunsel in which he told me that Colonel Heron desir'd I would apply to the Cutwall for the Buzar or Town Duties, On receipt of this Letter I sent for both the Killedar & Cutwall the latter of whom told me that he had been forbid by Col^l. Heron's Dubash to pay me that Money, but that he had contracted with Col^l. Heron for a certain Sum, to be paid him Monthly, that the Money was ready in Bags, but he could not be justified in paying it to me because He was forbid as aforesaid, I was then greatly distress'd for Money for the Pay of the Garrison, for which Reason I oblig'd Cutwall to pay me the Money and accordingly receiv'd it amounting to about the Sum mention'd. I gave a Receipt for it as Money collected for Col^l. Heron & then lent it to the Garrison upon Col^l. Heron's return, I sent M^r. Vasserot to desire he would acquaint me why he claim'd that Money, because by Precedent it should belong to the Commanding Officer for the Time being; and although I had no Intention of claiming it, yet as it had been collected, I insisted on it as my Property. Col^l. Heron now return'd for Answer that I mistook the Thing for in that Sum which he had contracted for with the Cutwall the Buzar Duty was only a Part, that the Town Duties and a Cocoanut Tope were also included, and that the whole was assign'd to him by Mauphoos Cawn on Account of a Debt due, when I afterwards waited on Col^l. Heron myself he reproach'd me for making application to him through a Second hand, repeated what he had before said to M^r. Vasserot and added that rather than he would have any Dispute with me or that I should have any Room to think myself injur'd as to the Buzar he would give me half of the whole Sum collected which was more than could possibly accrue from the Buzar Duties; Col^l. Heron accordingly receiv'd one half and I the other.

QUEST^N. On what Account did you demand 75,000 Rupees from the Killedar of Madura and did you receive any part of it.

ANS^R. I demanded the 75,000 Rupees from the Killedar of Madura on Account of Mauphoos Cawn to be paid to the Company but I receiv'd only 20,460 Madura Fanams 15 of which (at that time) exchang'd for a Pagoda which I have accounted for with M^r. Maunsel.

I besides receiv'd from the Buxey in the Nabob's Name a Present of about 500 Rupees.

QUEST^N. You mention in one of your Letters to Colonel Heron to have demanded Money for Images; What Images do you mean.

ANS^R. These Images were taken at Coleguddy Pagoda when Colonel Heron made himself Master of that Place, they were look'd on as a part of the Booty, and being left in Madura in consequence of the request of the Officers, I demanded 5000 Rupees for them of the Bramins, which Sum Col^l. Heron's Dubash said the Bramins had offer'd for them, but the Money not being paid when Col^l. Heron left Madura they were put into a Tumbril, brought away with the Army and taken by the Colleries in the Nattom Woods.

Captain Lin was then order'd to withdraw and the Nabob's Buxey's Bramin & M^r. Maunsel were call'd on for their respective Accounts with the Company which being produc'd and compar'd were found to differ in the Sum of Rupees nineteen Thousand, Six hundred and Eighty nine and three Quarters (19,689 ; $\frac{3}{4}$.) which the Company stand debted in the Nabob's Account but not credited in the Commissary's.

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The Statement is as follows.

	By the Nabob's Account	By the Comp^{a} Acc^{t}	Difference.
Rece'd by the Comp^{y}. Acco^{t}. of Madura Villages	220697/8	11323-9	10746
From the Nattom Polligar	4350	3000	1350
Tribute from the Polligars	7593 3/4	Nothing at all	7593 3/4
		Rupees	19689 3/4

The two Accounts are orderd to be enter'd after these Minutes and then M^{r}. Maunsel was call'd in to give an Explanation of the foregoing Difference and of the other Points which Col^{l}. Heron refers to his Information.

M^{r}. Maunsell being accordingly ask'd the following Questions return'd the several underwritten Answers.

QUEST^{N}. What Security is there for the Ballance owing by Mauphoos Cawn to the Company.

ANS^{R}. I know of no Security and I believe there is nothing more than Mauphoos Cawn's Promise.

QUEST^{N}. Where is the Agreement made by Mauphoos Cawn whereby he promis'd not to ask any part of the Money to be receiv'd from the Polligars, either for himself or for the Nabob.

ANS^{R}. I know nothing of the Agreement made by Colonel Heron with Mauphoos Cawn.

QUEST^{N}. Whence arises the Difference of 19,689 Rupees between the Nabob's Account with the Company and Yours.

ANS^{R}. I cannot account for it. I did not receive any more for the Company than is mention'd in my Account.

QUEST^{N}. When do the four Months farming of Madura and Tinnevelly Villages expire.

ANS^{R}. Four Months from the Arrival of the Army at those Places.

QUEST^{N}. Did You receive 20460 Madura Fanams from Captain Lin on Acco^{t} of the Company.

ANS^{R}. I did and they are brought to Account in the Rent of Madura Villages.

M^{r}. Maunsell then withdrew and the President took the Nabob's Buxey's Information on the several Accounts and Matters which were under his management and laid it before the Committee as follows

Col^{l}. Heron told Mauphoos Cawn that he would not let him interfere in the management of Tinnevelly but would let out the Villages himself, Mauphoos Cawn judging this would be detrimental to the Nabob's Affairs sent the Buxey to him to settle the Affair and to offer him 30,000 Rupees provided he would let him have the management; and the more readily to get him to consent to this he promis'd to pay one Lack and a half to the Company out of the Revenues; reserving two Lack for the Nabob's Use, which Col^{l}. Heron having consented to, He gave him Bills on the Soucars at Tinnivelly for the Sum of 130,000 Rupees which Money Col^{l}. Heron receiv'd before he came away brought 100,000 to the Company's Account and kept 30,000 himself. He himself (the Bramin) went with the Buxey and deliver'd the Bills which were drawn upon the five following Soucars. Subbia, Detaya, Narainapa, Kistnama Chitty, Subbaraya Chitty. The President then desir'd the Buxy's Bramin to explain the Articles in which the Nabob's Account differs from the Commissary's.

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The Nabob debts the Company 7,593¾ Rupees receiv'd from the Polligars which the Commissary does not Credit for; To this the Buxeys Bramin said that the Collections from the Polligars amounted in all to 80,593 Rupees; of which only 73,000 being accounted for in the distribution, The Company is Debted for the Rest.

In the Nabob's Account, the Company is debted 22,000 Rupees receiv'd on Account of Madura Villages in the Commissary's Account there is Credit for only 11323–9.

The Buxey's Bramin asserts that Dashmoud Cawn who was left by the Recommendation of Col^l. Heron in the management of Madura paid altogether 27,000 Rupees of which 11,000 in ready Money and 16,000 in Rice Sugar &c^a. supplied by Colonel Heron's Order. Out of this 16,000 Col^l. Heron said he should take 5000 by way of Present for himself and bring the other 11,000 to the Company's Account, but this has not been done.

In the Nabob's Account The Company is debted 4350 Rupees receiv'd from the Nattom Polligar, In the Commissary's Account there is Credit for only 3000.

The Buxey's Bramin says that the Second Payment of 1350 Rupees was receiv'd by Cap^t. Lin.

From the foregoing Informations the Committee then collected the following new Matter against Col^l. Heron.

First That he receiv'd Bills from Mauphoos Cawn at Tinnevelly for 130,000 Rupees, of which only 100,000 are brought to the Company's Credit, and that he refus'd to let Mauphoos Cawn interfere in the management of that Country untill he consented to this.

Secondly That Seventy three Thousand Rupees were collected in ready Money from the Polligars by the Nabob's Buxey and Capt. Lee; That the Money was brought to Colonel Heron, & upon Captain Lees applying to him to know what was to be done with it, He reply'd as it did not belong to the Company, he would have Nothing to do with it and when Mauphoos Cawn having made a Demand of it he order'd it to be paid to him.

The Committee think it very suprizing that Col^l. Heron who was sent to collect this Money for the Company, should give a Judgment that it did not belong to the Company, and still more so that he should order it to be paid to Mauphoos Cawn who (as Col^l. Heron himself tells us in his last Letter) had engag'd not to ask either for himself or his Brother, any Part of the Money to be collected from the Polligars in Consideration of the two Lack of Rupees allow'd him out of the Villages.

Such a Conduct can no ways be accounted for but by the distribution instantly made of these Seventy three thousand Rupees by Mauphoos Cawn as particularly recited in Captain Lee's foregoing Information, in which Distribution Colonel Heron receiv'd so large a Share as twenty Thousand (20,000) for himself.

And Thirdly the Difference between the Nabob's Account and the Commissary's, the which Col^l. Heron should explain.

Order'd that the three foregoing additional Articles be inserted in the Letter to be wrote Colonel Heron by the Secretary upon the Minutes of last Committee, that the Letter be immediately sent him and his Answer requir'd.

GEORGE PIGOT.
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D^R. ..... MADURA & TINNEVELLY EXPEDITION ..... C^R.

To Madura and the Villages depending upon it farmd out to Mauphoos Cawn for four Months		82,000–0–0	
To Tinnevelly and the Villages depending upon it farm'd out to Mauphoos Cawn for four Months also.		350,000–0–0	
To the follwing Polligars being Arrears settled by the Nabob's People.			
Kattaponaigue	80,000	Cullitore 1,000	
Ettaponaigue	70,000	Naglaporum 12,500	
Ellarampanny	15,000	Attangaree 3,062½	
Colarpatty	15,000	Gullipatty 3,000	
Mailmandy	1,250	Coral-Goody 3,000	
			203,812–6–0
To the Nattom Polligar rec'd from him in part of his Debt which was never settled		3,000–0–0	
To the Sale of Paddy taken at Nelle Cotah and some Horses that were sold		6,465–0–0	
		Rupees	645,277–6–0

By Cash receiv'd from Mauphoos Cawn on Account of the Villages depending upon Tinnevelly which the Company had credit for in April Accounts	100,000–0–0
By D^o. receiv'd from D^o. on Account of the Villages depending upon Madura which the Company had Credit for, with the two following Articles in May	11,323–9–0
By D^o. receiv'd from the Nattom Polligar	3,000–0–0
By D^o. receiv'd for Paddy taken at Nelle Cotah and some Horses that were sold	6,465–0–0
	120,788–9–0
By Ballance	524,488–9–0
Rupees	645,277–6–0

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNT CURRENT.

	By the Nabobs & Mauphoos Cawn's Share of the Tinnevelly Villages	200,000–0–0
	By Ballance due from Mauphoos Cawn to the Company for d^o. d^o.	50,000–0–0
	By D^o. also due from D^o. for the Madura Villages	70,676–3–0
	By the Account for the Polligars which Capt. Caillaud has Securities for	191,906–3–0
	By D^o. on D^o. which Mauphoos Cawn has Security for	11,906–3–0
To Ballance from above Rupees	524,488–9–0	Rupees 524,488–9–0

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ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIV'D BY THE COMPANY.

From Madura Country		22069⅞
From Nattom as ℔ Receipt	3,000	
without a Receipt	1,350	
From Tinnevelly Country Viz^t.		4350
Cash paid by Mauphoos Cawn out of the Revenues of the Country	100,000	
Peish Cash from the Polligars	7,593¾	
		107593¾
	Rupees	134013⅝

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Out of what was agreed by the Polligars there remain'd a Ballance of Rupees 201,343¾ out of this Sum they promis'd to pay Rupees 101343¾ by certain Payments and for the payment of the remainder of Rupees 100,000, they deliver'd their Relations as a Pledge who were brought and kept in the Fort of Trichenopoly.

Sent a Letter from the Secretary to Colonel Heron agreeable to the Minutes of the three last Committees: Enter'd in the Book of Col^L. Heron's Proceedings N^o. 19TH.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.	GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT	FRIDAY THE 19TH.
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY	
ROBERT ORME	ALEX^R. WYNCH	
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.	

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from the Nabob signifying his Consent to the Requests made him by the President conformably to the Resolutions of Committee the 11^th. Instant.

FROM THE NABOB—

You are desirous that I should pay you half the Revenues of Madura and Tinnevelly, to which I agree after the Deduction of the Charges are made, but I must inform you that the Revenues of Madura will not be sufficient to pay the Troops there; and as to the Affairs of Tinnevelly I must also inform you that the Disturbance of the Polligars and the Malayavar was rais'd there to the highest Pitch, for which Reason besides a large Number of Sepoys a considerable Army consisting of about 4000 horse & 5000 Peons has been rais'd so that the Incomes there will not answer the Expence.

The President also lays before the Committee the Translation of a general Mortgage Bond given by the Nabob to the Company in March 1754 as a Security for his Debt desiring to know their Opinion whether it is sufficient or if they think it necessary to procure another from him before He leaves the Place.

The Bond is as follows.

TRANSLATION OF A BOND UNDER THE GREAT SEAL OF NABOB ANAVERDY CAWN BAHADER AND ATTESTED UNDER THE SEAL OF THE CAUDY.

The Circar is indebted or answerable for the Expences which the English Company have been or shall be at in assisting me to take care of the Country. Thus this Bond is given under Date of the 11^th. of Jamadalevel Hegra 1167, which is the 6^th. of March 1754.

The Committee having consider'd the Terms of the said Bond do hold it very sufficient and as properly express'd as they could desire; It comprehends all the Expences the Company have or may be at, it certifies that these Expences were incurr'd for the Sake of preserving the Country and obliges the Circar, which is the Country itself, to reimburse the Money.

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TUESDAY THE 23D.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLM. PERCEVAL — ROBERT PALK.

The President lays before the Committee a Letter from Coll. Heron dated Yesterday directed to the President and Council in Answer to the Letter wrote him by the Secretary the 19th. Instant.

The said Letter being read is found contradictory in many Places to his own former Letters and Journal; in others full of Evasion. Order'd that it be copied in the Book of Coll. Heron's Proceedings, that the Contradictions and Evasions be remark'd in the Margin and the President is desir'd then to lay the whole before the Council with whom lies the Power of passing Judgement on any of the Company's Servants.

Three Letters from Messrs. Gauppe Reith and Bannatyne, Commissaries, dated the 13th. 17th. & 22d. Instant enter'd 97 98 & 99 Read, containing a long detail of their Proceedings the Substance of which is this; that the French Commissaries perpetually raise trifling Difficulties, that they affect a Superiority throughout the contested Districts in order to gain upon the Minds of the People and will not proceed either to the Distribution of the Inhabitants' Share of the Grain, or to the Proof of our Rights.

Agreed to write the Commissary's that as the Disposition of the French is such that We cannot hope to see the Dispute settled, they have nothing now to attend but the Care of the Grain that is cut to see that none be embezzel'd and Strictly to maintain the Equality We have a Right to insist on.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
ROBT. PALK.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

FRIDAY THE 26TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL — ROBERT PALK.

The following Letter from Captain Caillaud read

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. &CA.
GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AT MADRASS.

No. 12

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

In my last dated the 1st. Instant No. 11, I had the Honour Gentlemen to inform you, how far I had proceeded in relation to the Disputes between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman. According to the Promise made me by the latter, the Copy of the Cowle he sent for came, which Copy, and the English Translation, I now send inclos'd. You will see Gentlemen it is not according to the proper form of Cowles,

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or Grants in General, but rather a Letter; in which however the Promise is fair & plain. The last Paragraph only seeming somewhat conditional, intimating that Tondiman in return should be ready to espouse the King of Tanjore's Interest on all Occasions.

After the Receipt of this and Tondiman's Promise to desist from Hostilities I set out for Tanjore; and the Night I came I had an Interview with Monagee. I urg'd this Cowle or Letter, which he in Answer first said was not a true Copy; but on my telling him I would get the Original, he dropp'd that Plea, but said; that the Conditions of the last Paragraph had not been kept by Tondaman, for that in the late Affair between the King of Tanjore & the Morraver, Tondiman who first instigated him to it had refus'd his Assistance, when ask'd for; I told him Tondiman could not act then on Acco^{t}· of the Truce; which Truce still subsisted, and we were resolv'd should not be broke. That the King might have Patience untill the Expiration of it, and every thing in the Country should then be settled according to right and Justice. The Conversation was long, and by the Lights M^{r}· Newton had given me how he was circumstanc'd I found he wanted to open himself which he could not do before so many People as were then present. The Day following was agreed on to see the King; but before the Audience the following true Account of the Affair was made me.

Monagee as I before have acquainted You Gentlemen had procur'd this Cowle for Tondiman in return for having help'd him to take Aradangee Fort, but fearing that the King would think the Concession of Corahnelly, would be paying too dear for the Possession of the other, Monagee owns he made use of the Kings Name and Chop and wrote that Letter without his Knowledge or Consent. He took Care also to keep it a Secret from Tondiman; who by that means got Possession of the Country. this happen'd about six Years ago, some time before Monogees first Disgrace, who upon being turn'd out took refuge with Tondiman; and then the King first hear'd how he had been impos'd upon. The War which broke out in these Parts soon after has prevented him insisting on the recovery of his Right, and ever since Monagee by our Means has been restor'd to favour, the King has urg'd him to get back that Country, which he has dar'd to give away without his Order and Leave. This is Monagee's Situation, and on the Turn this Affair may take depends his Fate.

To add to his Misfortune (if a dishonest Action may be call'd so) other Accidents make him lose Ground every Day in the King's Favour. His expences and the Number of Troops he keeps up has exausted the Country of Money, which indeed (not so much by his own fault) has never been in a thriving Condition since his Management. The Damages made by the last violent Monsoon on the Bank which was then but newly repair'd, & in other Parts of the Country has considerably lessen'd the Revenues. The King loves Money too well, let the Country be rich or Poor, to relinquish any Part of his annual Quota; to supply which and all other Expences, has run Monagee in Debt; The Troops are not paid, and were so clamourous a few Days ago for their Pay, as to stop him in his House untill he could raise a Sum to satisfy their immediate Demand.

Succojee has left the Kingdom, but knowing Monagee's Situation, & to distress him the more, has persuaded above half the principal Merchants to leave the Place. Some Complaints of the Distress the Country is in, have reach'd the Kings Ear, insomuch that he was talking of making the Tour of his Kingdom himself, and enquiring into the Causes of it. In Short Gentlemen if Monogee cannot get back this Country for the King his Ruin is inevitable.

After this Information I had an Audience, but as Matters stood, I did not urge any thing strongly, thinking it better to temporize and prolong the Time untill I could make you acquainted Gentlemen with the Affair, & submit it to your Consideration; and if you thought proper afterwards to Honour me with your Opinion,

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Advice or Orders I might Act in Consequence. I told the King in General that my coming was to enquire into the Dispute. That I had heard already what Tondiman had to say; & that when I knew his mind, I would with Truth relate both the Accounts to You Gentlemen as Mediators in the Affair, and to the Nabob as Prince of the Country, That he might be sure Justice should be done him, agreeable to the Regard & friendship the English Nation had for him, and our Inclination to Support him in what he said was his Right, as far as was just, & in our Power. He said he would wait a Month for our Decision, I desir'd he would mention no Time, but that he might depend on it that the Affair should be settled as soon as We could and that it must be done without fighting. He limited the Time again to a Month, I would have stopp'd him immediately with the mention of my Orders, but I was tender on Monagee's Account who must fall if this Affair should not be manag'd, so I only answer'd as I had before, & took my Leave.

The next Morning before I return'd to Trichenopoly I had a private Interview with Monogee I represented to him in the strongest Colours I could, his Situation by his Imprudence, the Distress the Country was in by the unnecessary Expence he was at in keeping up such a Body of Troops. He acknowledg'd every thing & begg'd with Tears in his Eyes that We would not forsake him, that if by our Means he could recover this Country for the King he still might be in favour. That he did not dare discharge any of the Troops untill this Affair was settled for fear of the King who was suspicious of his Friendship with Tondiman. But the Minute he could effect it he would discharge half of his Horse and all his Sepoys. that for his present difficulty of Money he could get over it when the Rents in October were paid; I told him I could make him no other Promise but that I would represent every thing with Truth that he did not want Proofs of our Friendship when We could serve him with Justice.

This Gentlemen is the whole Affair. as to the first Agressors Tondiman so far is the first; That on the King of Tanjore's demanding the Restitution of the Fort, the other began to plunder the Villages. The Cowle is certainly not in the proper form, and the last Article may be brought against Tondiman thõ he should mention the Truce. For he sent Troops to Monogee, but insisted on his paying them which Monogee refusing, they were sent back: this I know for certain as it happen'd when I was with Monojee on the Morravar's Affair, who immediately complain'd of it to me. I remain with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithfull Servant

Trichenopoly
16th. Septr. 1755.

J. CAILLAUD.

Translation of the King of Tanjore's Letter to Tondiman Rogea Strie Vija Ragoo Nada Tondiman Maa Rajah Patapa Sing Ram Ram.

As you are faithfull and of a Steadfast Mind in my Affairs I am very glad.

Near by you is Corahnelly Fort and Verapattoor with all the Places subject to them I make you a Present of; & your Generation after you for ever Vizt. your Children & Children's Children.

And if any thing in my Country should happen at any Time you must go on in one Mind faithfull in my Affairs.

The Committee then took into serious Debate, the Dispute between the King of Tanjore and Tondamon as related in Capt. Caillaud's Letter; Great Difficulties appear on all sides; if it should be decided in favour of the King of Tanjore, that the Countries shall be restor'd to him this cannot be put in Execution without infringing the Articles of the Truce, whereby it is stipulated that every one shall remain in Possession of all that he held on the Conclusion of the Treaty. On the other hand

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if it should be decided in favour of Tondiman that he shall keep the Countries, the King of Tanjore would certainly sacrifice Monogee to his Revenge by which We should lose our best Friend at that Court, and would still not refrain from attempting to take the Countries by force which We are oblig'd by all Means to prevent, but the necessity of breaking with that Prince must if possible be avoided for without his Alliance Trichenopoly could not have been supported during the Troubles, and in case they should recommence it would again depend much on his Assistance.

After mature Deliberation the only Method that appears of preventing Hostilities is to propose to both Parties to put the disputed Countries into our Possession under Promise to restore them faithfully to whomsoever shall prove to have the Right.

Agreed therefore to write Captain Caillaud to go again to Tanjore and endeavour to gain the Consent of both Parties to this Proposal; with Tondiman he may argue that the King of Tanjore being resolv'd at all Events to attack the Countries he will then lose them without a Chance of recovering them, whereas if they are put into our Hands his Pretensions will still subsist; And the King of Tanjore must be told that however good our Inclinations may be towards him we are oblig'd to oppose any hostile Attempts of one Party against another during the Truce and therefore he had better be contented for the present with the Accomodation propos'd.

The President is desir'd to write at the same time both to the King of Tanjore and Tondiman desiring they will discharge their Troops and depend on Captain Caillaud's Mediation.

Rear Admiral Watson intending to sail in a few Days with His Majesty's Fleet for Bombay, the President is desir'd to ask a Passage for Captain Ziegler and his Company of Swiss belonging to that Place for whose Return the President & Council there have wrote very pressingly, and as we are well assur'd that M^r. Watson will readily comply with this Request it is Agreed that Capt. Ziegler and his said Company be immediately order'd in from Arcot that they may be in readiness to proceed.

A Letter from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N^o. 168, Read, requesting that as Meer Alumedeen Hussain Killedar of Ellavanasore, still evades settling his Accounts with the Circar, a Force may be order'd from Fort St. David to expell him and place Kiereddy Cawn in possession of that District.

As the Nabob has repeated Acknowledgments under the Hand of this Man of his Dependance on him & the President himself receiv'd a Letter from him to the very same Effect (as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N^o. 53) the Committee are surpris'd that he should now give Room for these Complaints on the part of the Nabob & Resolve before they take any further Steps to enquire into his Reasons for which end it is Agreed to write M^r. Starke to send a trusty Person by way of Vakeel to that Fort to inform himself whether the Killedar is influenc'd by any Power of the French and assure him at the same Time that if he does not speedily settle his Accounts with the Nabob We shall send a Force and treat him as a Rebel.

GEORGE PIGOT.
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ROB^T. PALK.

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[28th.] ——*FORT St. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1755.*——

Sent the following Letters to Richard Starke Esqr. and Captain John Caillaud pursuant to the Resolutions of last Committee and the President at the same time sent Letters to the King of Tanjore Monogee and Tondiman as enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 172, 173 & 174.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour
of Fort St. David.

Sir

The Nabob has frequently press'd Meer Saib the Killedar of Ellavanasore to settle his Accounts and pay the Ballance due to the Circar but has receiv'd only trifling and evasive Answers. The President has himself receiv'd Letters from this Killedar in which he acknowledges his Obedience and dependance on the Nabob; we want therefore to be more perfectly assur'd of the Intentions of this Man, and of his Reasons for thus evading the Payment of the Tribute due from him, and therefore as he is situated near You, we desire you will send a good ingenious Man by way of Vakeel to him to enquire into his Situation, and whether he is influenc'd by any Power of the French; He may assure him at the same Time that if he does not very speedily settle his Accounts with the Nabob we shall send a Force & treat him as a Rebel. Order the Vakeel to return with an immediate Answer. We are Sir your most Obedient Servants George Pigot—Stringer Lawrence—Henry. Powney—Robt. Orme—Ar. Wynch—Wm. Percival—Robt. Palk.

Fort St. George
27th. Septr. 1755.

Please to forward the inclos'd immediately for Trichenopoly.

To Captain John Caillaud.

No. 10. Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters No. 11 & 12 dated the 1st and 16th. Instant. It is with Pleasure we observe the Reduction you have Made in the Expence and your Hopes of seeing Provisions still cheaper which may enable you to lower the Batta of the Military also.

We shall now give you our Thoughts on the Dispute between the Tanjore King and Tondiman, and our Directions for your further Proceedings. These are only calculated to prevent Hostilities for the present, to which end the President has wrote to each of them that he has pass'd his Word with the French Governour not only to keep strictly up to the Truce himself but that his Allies shall do so also; that he has given you Directions to consult with them relating to the Countries in Dispute, and in order to forward this reconciliation that it will be necessary they discharge all their supernumerary Troops as at this Time no Force must be us'd be the Right on which Side it will, but that you may more perfectly understand what is wrote on this Subject inclos'd are copies of the Letters. It will be your part then first to enforce this Point after which We imagine it may be no difficult Matter for you to prevail on both Parties to agree that the disputed Countries be put in our Possession 'till it more clearly appears who has the best Title to them. We would recommend it to you to go again to Tanjore on this Occasion as you will be best able to forward the Accommodation by a Personal Conference with the King on whose Part we think Objections are most likely to be rais'd.

We wish your Endeavours to get the Money for the Polligar's Securities may have Effect the whole Sum is now due and Mauphoos Cawn owes besides one hundred

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and twenty one Thousand Rupees, the Ballance of the Rents of the Madura & Tinnivelly Villages according to his Agreement with Col^l. Heron.

For Madura he agreed to pay the Company		82,000
For Tinnevelly		150,000
		232,000
Out of this according to Col^l. Herons & M^r. Maunsell's Account		
He paid for the first	11,000	
for the Second ...	100,000	
		111,000
Ballance as above Rup^s.		121,000

Write him that he promis'd to pay this Money long ago and that We expect he will remit it without delay. The Nabob has engag'd that the Company shall receive the half of all the future Revenues of those Countries; The Rents farm'd by Mauphoos Cawn from Col^l. Heron expir'd in July or August last; you will therefore tell him that he must send you an Account how much they are farm'd for on the new Cowles, and inform yourself also as well as you can from other Hands of this Matter. We are Sir your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—S. LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROB^T. ORME—ALEX^R. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROB^T. PALK.

Fort S^t. George
27^th. Sept^r. 1755.

You will forward Tondiman's Letter & carry those to Tanjore yourself.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEX^R. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL ROBERT PALK.

TUESDAY THE 30TH.

The President lays before the Committee a Letter he receiv'd this Day from Col^l. Adlercron dated the 27^th. Instant (as enter'd in the Book of Correspondence with Colonel Adlercron N^o. 20) wherein he mentions that M^r. Bourchier Governour of Bombay seems very anxious for the reduction of all Angria's Ports and represents it as a Matter of little or no Difficulty with the Assistance of his Majesty's Squadron and Troops.

Although Colonel Adlercron does not give us his Opinion on the Subject of going to Bombay yet he mentions it undoubtedly in order to be inform'd of our Sentiments. The President having some time ago receiv'd a Letter from M^r. Bourchier on the same Subject wrote Colonel Adlercron on the 18^th. July that there were some Affairs of Consequence on which he would be glad to consult him both regarding this Coast & Bombay & therefore beg'd the favour of his Company for a few Days at Madrass. The Protector was then near her Dispatch for Bombay and a part of the Regiment might have gone on her had it been so agreed on, But Colonel Adlercron wrote the President the 21^st July in Answer to his beforemention'd Letter that he would come to Madrass after he had made it appear to him that the Business which the President said requir'd his Presence was such as could not be transacted by Letter, which would have taken too much Time; Capt. Forbes's Detachment was therefore sent and it is Agreed now to write Colonel Adlercron that as that party is gone, we think it would not be prudent to part with so considerable a Force as his Majesty's Regiment while we are in an uncertainty of the State of Affairs in Europe, and to advise him of our Intention to return Capt^n. Ziegler with his Company of Swiss belonging to Bombay by the King's Ships.

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The President acquaints the Committee that the Council having Yesterday taken Major Heron's Conduct into Consideration had suspended him from his Seat at the Board & that Major Heron had thereupon applied to Colonel Adlercron for a General Court Martial.

As the Company's Records and many of the Evidences who must necessarily appear at this Court Martial particularly the Nabob's Officers, cannot be remov'd to Fort St. David It is Agreed to request of Colonel Adlercron to appoint it to be held at Madrass, promising at the same Time that the Company shall defray the travelling Expences of such Gentlemen as he may think proper to send from Fort St. David to sit on it.

The 5th. Paragraph of a General Letter from Bombay dated the 22d. August and directed to the President and Council being by them referr'd to the Determination of the Committee the same is now read, setting forth, that the Sepoys who return'd thither overland from Fort St. David, had besides the Expences of their March, demanded Subsistence or Batta Money for the Month of February when they were in Garrison at Cuddalore.

It is the Opinion of the Committee that the Sepoys should by no means be allow'd any Subsistence or Batta Money for that Month, our Honourable Masters having signifyed their Pleasure that the Troops of the other Settlements should serve here on the same footing as our own who never receive Batta in Garrison.

Order'd that the above Resolution be signified to the President and Council.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
ROBT. PALK.

Sent a Letter from the President to Coll. Adlercron (as enter'd No. 21) pursuant to the Resolutions of this Day.

OCTOBER 3D. The President receiv'd a Letter from Colonel Adlercron (No. 22) dated the 1st. Instant inclosing Summons to several of the Company's Officers to appear at a General Court Martial to be held on Major Heron at Fort St. David.

As Coll. Adlercron wrote this Letter before he had receiv'd the President's of the 30th. requesting the Court Martial might be held at Madrass; He (the President) judg'd proper te keep the Summons for the Officers untill he should receive Colonel Adlercron's Answer to that Letter. Of this Intention he immediately advis'd Coll. Adlercron by Letter of this Date (No. 23).

5TH. Captain Ziegler arriv'd with his Company of Swiss from Arcot.

6TH. Receiv'd a Letter from Colonel Adlercron to the President dated the 3d. Instant as enter'd No. 24.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present.

MONDAY THE 6TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.	GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBE[RT] PALK.

Colonel Adlercron's Letter to the President dated the 3 Instant read acquainting him that [in] Consequence of his Request that the Court Martial might [be] held

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here he has directed the Judge Advocate to write out f[res]h Summons enjoining the several Persons call'd on by [Co]l. Heron, to attend at Madrass; that he shall send Li[eu]tenant Col. Bagshaw for President and six other Me[m]bers from his Majesty's Troops and more if we cannot f[ur]nish the remaining six, and that Lieut. Carnac, the Judge [Ad]vocate being employ'd in his the (Colonels) Europe Dispatches will not be able to officiate but will depute any Person the President chuses to act in his Room.

The President thereupon mentions Lieut. John Reith (who came in lately from Madarantegum being one of the Commissaries) as a proper Person for Deputy Judge Advocate He is desir'd accordingly to propose him to Colonel Adlercron, to thank the Colonel for appointing the Court Martial at Madrass upon our Request and to send him a List of the Captains that are here and not interested in the Affair of Major Heron.

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from the Nabob and a List of the Sums due from the Polligars.

FROM THE NABOB. RECEIV'D 4TH. OCTOBER 1755.

It was my Design to give Security to the Company for 8 Lacks of Rupees and then to march from hence soon but the People knowing that I could not move from this Place before I give the said Security began to demand a Country worth ten Thousand Pagodas for Eight Thousand, which will occasion a Loss. My Affairs and those of the Company are to be deem'd in the same Light. I have to this Day procur'd Security for 350 Thousand Rupees and for the remainder, I intend to give Orders upon the old Renters (from whom I shall procure Agreements to the Company for the Payment thereof according to the Kists) and then to march soon, as the Crop of Grain call'd Bazera &c. are now ready to cut in the Zeamedar's Limits which they are reaping and carrying away, if I delay my march any longer it will be a disadvantage to me, I hope therefore that you'll take these into your Consideration and order a proper Force along with me and then send me away that I may lose no Time.

In the Nabob's own Hand

I suffer Loss by two several Means, One is, by demanding the Countries at less Rents and the other by giving the Savacar's Security. I hope therefore that you'll take what I wrote into your Consideration and order a Force soon and send me away.

ACCOUNT OF THE TRIBUTE AND RENT DUE FROM THE POLLIGARS FOR 1 YEAR

PEISHCASH OR TRIBUTE.

Bommarauze		
On Account of Cavatpala &c.	40,000	
Matavalampala	1,500	
		41,500
Gopaul Naig Polygar of Chelampala		3,000
Siddem Naig Polygar of Panapack		3,000
The Polligars of Nagalapore Mountains		28,300

RENTS.

From Comar Yachem Naigue on Account of the District of Dursey &c.	16,000
From Damerka Venkatapa Naig	
On Account of the District of Sitarampore	15,000
Rup.	106,800

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This is the Account of one Year. None of the above Polygars have settled Accounts since the Decease of the old Nabob, but some of them have occasionally paid small Sums to Abdul Vahab Cawn & Mauphoos Cawn which must be allow'd them in account.

It is very certain that the Shoroffs will be always ready to take Advantage of an Occasion of this Nature; they will not give Bills for the Nabob without receiving Security from him, this Security can be no other than the Rents of the Country, and they will insist on having these Rents on their own Terms, so that the bad Consequences mention'd by the Nabob are inevitable. The Committee would willingly avoid occasioning any Loss to the Nabob, and after mature Consideration of his Offers are unanimously of Opinion that his Orders on the old Renters, provided those Renters will themselves sign Obligations to the Company conformable to the Orders, are as good Security as that of the Soucars or Shroffs, for both equally depend on the Produce of the Countries; It is therefore Agreed to accept the Nabob's Offer of Shroff's Security for 350,000
and Orders on the Renters for 450,000

which Renters must also themselves sign Obligations to the Company for the several Sums they are order'd to pay.

The Expedition propos'd by the Nabob against the Polligars of the Arcot Country being then taken into Consideration, the President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob has inform'd him his Design is to go first to Terpasore, to which Place he will order all the Polligars to send their Vakeels to settle Accounts and that it will be necessary the Troops should be in readiness there to march against any of them that may refuse; As well to support the Nabob in his Authority over these Polligars as to collect the Rents due from them, of which half is to be paid to the Company, it is Agreed to send a Detachment of three Hundred Men Rank and File and fifteen hundred Sepoys upon this Service under the Command of Major James Kilpatrick; that the Troops encamp'd at Arcot, late under the Command of Captain Ziegler be held in readiness to march to Terpasore and be compleated from hence to the Number abovemention'd. The President is desir'd to acquaint the Nabob with the foregoing Resolutions and to learn when he proposes to set out, that the necessary Instructions may be prepar'd for Major Kilpatrick, as well as for the Person who shall be appointed to accompany the Nabob to receive and pay all Moneys for the Company.

Captain Polier writes from Changalapet that the Killedar for the Nabob having receiv'd Orders to desist from furnishing the Oyl he us'd to supply for the Expence of the Garrison and to discharge all the Nabob's Peons and Servants from that Place he Capt Polier is at a Loss to know whence the Oyl should now be furnish'd and as there are fifty among the Peons old Servants very useful in taking care of the Limits and overlooking the Harvest, he recommends them to be entertain'd in the Company's Service as Sepoys.

As the Number of Sepoys already quarter'd at Changalapet is quite sufficient for the Service both of the Garrison and the Bounds it is Agreed to write Captain Polier not to entertain any and as to the Oyl requisite for the Service of the Garrison, to purchase it at the best rate and see that it be us'd with frugality.

Captain Maskelyne advises that the Sepoys he sent to Tripoty for the Security of the Feast are return'd with the Renter's Thanks, who writes that he has collected the Money without any Difficulty and had a far greater Concourse of People than usual, and that the Arms of the Sepoys remaining there are in extreme bad Order.

Agreed to write Captain Maskelyne to send Sixty Sepoys with a Serjeant to relieve those remaining at Tripoty whom he will order to Arcot and get their Arms repair'd.

He likewise proposes some Repairs and Additions to the Forts of Timaree Conjeveram & Covrepauk, to make them more defensible.

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It is Resolv'd that none of the Company's Money be laid out on these Accounts but to write Captain Maskelyne, that if the Nabob thinks those Repairs necessary and will advance the Sums it will take to compleat them they may be set about.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R WYNCH.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.
ROB^T PALK.

Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Colonel Adlercron pursuant to this Day's Resolutions as enter'd in the Book of Correspondence with Colonel Adlercron N°. 25.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.	GOVERN^R. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEX^R. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.

WEDNESDAY THE 8TH.

The President having receiv'd from the Nabob, the Security Bonds, Orders and Obligations mention'd last meeting now lays the same before the Committee.

The following is a List and Statement of them.

Three Security Bonds under the Hand & Seal of Soroff Linga Chittee for Rupees three hundred and forty nine thousand five hundred Viz^t.

1 One for Rayal Pundat Renter of Terpasore	—	187,500
1 One for Appazey Ninar Renter of the two Conjeverams and of Malchery	—	114,000
1 One for Pushpenada Ninar Renter of Tervatore	—	48,000

Security Bonds. 3 ——

Seven Orders under the Hand and Seal of the Nabob on different Renters for Rupees four hundred and fifty Thousand, five hundred ; conformably to which Orders, the Renters also or their Vakeels for them, have given Obligations to the Company under their Hand and Seal Viz^t.

1 One on Nazeabulla Cawn Renter of Saravapally and Nelloor	—	122,000
1 One on Meer Mahomed Japher, Renter of Chittoor— Bayagamul Vakeel to both the above Persons, has given an Obligation under his hand and Seal for both the above Sums & engag'd that his several Masters will send their own Bonds in fifteen Days.		55,000
1 One on Hamed Ally Cawn Renter of Condaporam—		93,068
1 One on the same Hamed Ally Cawn Renter of Ponna	—	24,348

This Renter being himself present at Madras has given Obligations to the Company under his Hand and Seal for the above Sums.

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	1	One on Mustead Cawn Renter of Solangaveram Gulam Mohayedeen Gomastah of Mustead Cawn has given an Obligation to the Company under his Hand & Seal for the above Sum and has engag'd that his Master shall send his own Bond in 15 Days.	— 84,084
	1	One on Mahomed Kieredeen Renter of Mussere vauk Narasingaraw Vakeel of Mahomed Kieredeen has given an Obligation to the Company under his Hand and Seal for the above Sum and has engag'd that his Master shall send his own Bond in fifteen Days.	— 67,000
	1	One on Saudetmund Cawn Killedar of Covrepauk Kisnagee, Vakeel of Saudetmund Cawn has given an Obligation to the Company under his hand and Seal for the above Sum & has engag'd that his Master shall send his own Bond in fifteen Days.	— 5,000
Orders on the Renters with Obligations of the Renters for the several Sums.	7		Rupees 800,000

In all, three Security Bonds of Linga Chitty, and seven Orders on the Nabob on different Renters for Eight hundred thousand Rupees.

A Translation of one of the Bonds being then laid before the Committee the Terms are found to be as follows

That in case the Enemy should occasion any Disturbance during the Year, whatever Sums the said Enemy may plunder or possess themselves of, out of the respective Countries are to be deducted after the said Loss has been prov'd and verified by the Canango's & Natawars Registers and Inspectors of the said Districts. To this no Objection can be made, as it is conformable to the usual Tenour of the Cowles, and in itself reasonable.

And the Money is to be paid in two equal Payments according to the Kists or Seasons of cutting the Grain Viz$^{t.}$

The first is due the 31$^{st.}$ December next, but four Months being allow'd for collecting the Money, It is not payable 'till the 1$^{st.}$ of May.

The Second becomes due the 30$^{th.}$ June next, and two Months & a half being allow'd for collecting the Money, it is payable the 12$^{th.}$ of September.

The Committee then thought it necessary to enquire for the Regulation of the Agreements to be made with the Nabob next Year whether all the foregoing Sums were due from the Renters on the present Cowles without borrowing from or lessening the Revenues of the next Year. The Nabob's Vakeel being accordingly call'd in and spoke to on that Subject informs the Committee that the present Cowles expire on the 30$^{th.}$ June next when the last Payment is due, and that all the Sums are outstanding upon the said Cowles without encroaching upon the Revenues of the next Year.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Poonare & Pedipalore Countries which are to be mortgag'd to the Company being apart of Terpasore their Rents for this Yeare are included in the Eight Lack beforemention'd and the Nabob has promis'd to send from Arcot a particular Account of the Extent of those Countries & of their Revenues together with the Mortgage Grants.

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A Letter from Sanawasa Chery Renter of Tripoty Read, inclosing Bills on Gocaul Terwady for Pagodas fifteen thousand (15000) in part of the September or first Kist of the present Year. Order'd that the Commissary demand Payment of the Bills.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R WYNCH.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.
ROB^T PALK.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

THURSDAY THE 9^TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESID^T
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEX^R. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL — ROBERT PALK.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob has inform'd him he designs to set out for Terpasore on his intended Expedition against the Polligars in five or Six Days, whereupon it is Agreed to take into Debate

First The appointment of a proper Person to go with the Nabob as Receiver and Paymaster Genral for the Company.

Secondly The Instructions necessary to be given to the Receiver and Paymaster General.

And thirdly the orders to be given to Major Killpatrick appointed in Committee the 6^th. Instant to command the Troops on this Expedition.

It is consider'd on the first Point that as the Person who shall be charg'd with the Receipt of the Company's half of all the Moneys to be collected from the Polligars must be privy to all the Nabob's Transactions with them, and present at the settling their Accounts, and as the Direction of all the Disbursements of the Army will also belong to him, He should be a Person of Rank and Trust, it is therefore Resolv'd that one of the Members of the Board do accompany the Nabob in Quality of Receiver General for the Company & Director of the Commissarys Disbursements ; M^r. William Perceval is accordingly appointed & M^r. Thomas Maunsell to act under him as Commissary.

Order'd that Instructions be prepar'd for him to the following Effect.

To be present with the Nabob when he settles Accounts or makes Accommodations with any of the Polligars—To receive for the Company the half of all the Moneys that shall be paid by the Polligars to the Nabob on any Account or under any Denomination— To enquire into the Nabob's Transactions with the Polligars and if he hears of his engaging in any Secret Accomodations with them to make the strongest Representations to him in our name— To assist the Commanding Officer in settling all the Camp Disbursements on the most frugal footing & to direct the Commissaries Issues of cash of every kind— To take and transmit to us every Month a General Muster of the Military Sepoys & all the Attendants of the Army together with a List of Cattle, and to attest the Truth of the said Muster which is to be sign'd by the Commanding Officer or the Person deputed by him.

Order'd that a List of Batta for the Military and Sepoys be inserted in M^r. Perceval's Instructions; that of the Sepoys to be conformable to the new Regulation which has taken Place at Trichenopoly, as enter'd in these Minutes the 15^th. September.

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And for the better Regulation of the Pay both of Military and Sepoys it is now Order'd that the Day of the Death or Desertion of every Soldier or Sepoy be noted in the next pay Roll, and that the Paymaster, Deputy Paymaster, Commissary or other Officer who shall have Charge of the Payment of the said Soldiers and Sepoys do examine the pay Rolls and regulate the Issues in the following Manner. When any Sepoy dies his Pay is to be stopp'd on the same Day; and for the Month in which he deserts (their Pay being issued at the end of the Month) The same if a Soldier deserts, but if a Soldier dies on or before the 15th. he is to be struck off the Roll at the end of the Month; if after the 15th. he is to be continued on the Roll for the next Month. This is a Consideration for the Burial Charges which the Captains Pay, but all Batta both to Military and Sepoys is to cease on the Day of their Death or Desertion.

Order'd that a Copy of the foregoing Regulations be inserted in Mr. Perceval's Instructions, and transmitted also to Fort St. David and all the Garrisons.

And then Major Kilpatrick's Instructions being taken into Consideration are Order'd to be prepar'd to the following Purport.

To assist the Nabob in settling Accounts with the Polligars, and if any of them refuse, to act against them upon the Nabob's Application as far as he sees prudent—To be present with Mr. Perceval at all the Nabob's Transactions with the Polligars, & see their Accounts settled—To act in concert with Mr. Perceval for the Regulation of all the Camp Disbursements on the most frugal footing—To order Report to be made to the Commissary whenever any Soldier or Sepoy dies or deserts, and the same when any Promotions are made amongst the Military or Sepoys—and to be present or depute some one in his Stead, at the General Muster to be taken Monthly by Mr. Perceval.

These are the general Instructions to be given Major Kilpatrick, but as the greatest part of the Troops he is to Command are now at Arcot It is Agreed to direct him to set out immediately for that Place, receive the Charge of those Troops from Captain Maskelyne and march them down to Terpasore, where the Nabob will meet him and he will receive our abovemention'd Instructions.

Agreed that Mr. Perceval's Allowances be five Pagodas a Day for his Expences, and ten Shillings a Day as usual for Paymaster, that Major Kilpatrick have 5 Pagodas a Day Batta, the same as Colonel Heron was allow'd; and Mr. Maunsell six Rupees a Day.

The Number of Sepoys in the Company's Pay being larger than it is necessary to keep up in time of Peace it is Resolv'd to send Orders to all the Garrisons not to fill up any Vacancies which may be caus'd by Death or Desertion untill further Directions.

The following Letter from Captain Caillaud read

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr. President
& Governour &ca. Gentlemen of the Committee of
Correspondence at Madrass.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd I have the Honour to transmit to you Gentlemen the Returns & Accounts for the Month of September. I have reduc'd the Lascars Allowance 2 Rupees ℔ Month each, the Tindalls 3 & Serangs 4.

The Paddy is now cutting down all round the Country, and I only wait for your Orders Gentlemen to know what Proportion of the Revenues must be collected for the Hoñble Company. I have wrote circular Letters to the Polligars to pay their Tribute, as Customary by the End of the Month.

I shall now as the grain begins to grow cheaper lay in twelve Months Provisions in the Magazine, which as soon as effected, I shall transmit to you Gentlemen a General Account of the State of the Magazine as receiv'd by me. An Account of

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what Grain issued out as growing old, and at what Price; as also how much bought in & at what Cost, to reimplace what was deliver'd, or to compleat the Magazine with a twelve Months Stock.

Enclos'd I send you Gentlemen a Court of Enquiry on an unhappy Accident which happen'd in my Garri[s]on the twenty third of last Month. I also send down the Prisoner, that he may be proceeded against as you may think proper.

Mauphoos Cawn who was attacking the Pullitaore, must again I am afraid act on the defensive, Moodemia being return'd with the Travencore Forces, and have begun by taking Prisoners 500 Sepoys & 200 Horse of Mauphoos Cawn's; It is at an unlucky Juncture, being now the Time of Harvest & collecting the Rents all over the Country.

The last Letter I had the Honour of addressing you Gentlemen was N°. 12 dated the 16th. of Sept^r. I remain with great Respect Hon'ble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and faithfull Servant

Trichenopoly
2d. October 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

The Nabob having promis'd to lay in Grain for the Service of the Garrison of Trichenopoly to the amount of one Hundred and twenty five thousand (125,000) Rupees it is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud that That is the Proportion he is to demand of the Revenues, & that as soon as he is secure of receiving so much new Grain he is to sell off the old, that is not fit for keeping, on the Company's Account.

Letters from Capt. Maskelyne at Arcot, Read, representing that he is in great Want of Money for the Payment of his Garrison and the Troops in Camp.

Agreed that Application be made to the President and Council for an Advance of thirty thousand (30,000) Rupees to the Commissary for that Service and the Charges of the Troops about to take the Field.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.
ROB^T. PALK.

Sent the following Letter to Captain Caillaud pursuant to yesterdays Resolutions, and at the same time dispatch'd Copies of the Regulations for the Payment of Military and Sepoys to Richard Starke Esq^r. Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, M^r. Charles Hopkins Chief of Deve Cotah, Captain Edmund Maskelyne Commanding at Arcot & Captain Paul Polier Commanding at Chingalapet with Orders not to fill up any Vacancies of Sepoys.

To CAPTAIN JOHN CAILLAUD.

Sir No. 11.

We have just receiv'd your Letter of the 2d. The Nabob has promis'd to lay in Provisions at Trichenopoly to the amount of one hundred & twenty five thousand Rupees. This therefore is the Share you are to demand of the Revenues and to receive it in Grain for the Store of your Garrison selling out the old that is not proper for keeping, on the Company's Account as fast as you can after securing the new.

The Prisoner you have sent in on Account of the Murder must be try'd at the next Quarter Sessions, which will be held in January, and you must make all the Evidences give Security for their Appearance against him at that Time.

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[10TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1755.*——

We are sorry to hear that Mauphoos Cawn is again in Trouble; If you can yield him any Assistance by raising more Sepoys for him or engaging any of the Polligars to join him, we recommend it to your Care.

We find the Number of Sepoys in our Service too large and have resolv'd to reduce it by not filling up the Vacancies of such as may die or desert from the several Garrisons. You will observe this in Yours untill further orders. We are Sir, your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
10th. October 1755.

P.S. It must be notified in the Pay Rolls on what Day each Sepoy died or deserted because their Pay ceases immediately.

12 Major James Kilpatrick set out for Arcot with the following Orders, and with him Mr. Thomas Maunsell Commissary.

To MAJOR JAMES KILPATRICK.

Sir

Having appointed you to command the Troops at present encamp'd near Arcot and under the Care of Captain Maskelyne, you will please to proceed thither and receive that Charge from him; as soon after which as you are able you will march them down to Terpasore, at which Place the Nabob will meet you and you will receive further Instructions.

Mr. Maunsell is directed to set out immediately for Arcot in order to pay the Troops and he will call upon you for any Directions you may have to give him concerning the Preparations to be made for the March.

We have been endeavouring to reduce the Expences as much as possible and have settled the field Batta of the Sepoys at the Rates hereafter mention'd, which Regulation has already taken Place at Trichenopoly; you will therefore order that they be paid accordingly from the Day they begin their march, and the Batta of the Military is to begin at the same Time. We have fix'd yours at Five Pagodas a Day, being what Coll. Heron was allow'd, to commence from your leaving this Place.

REGULATION OF THE SEPOY'S FIELD BATTA

	Rups.			Fanams.		
A Subadar	20 ℔	Month of thirty Days which is		8 ℔	Day	
					f.	Cash.
Jemidar	9	"	"	"	3⅓ or 3	48
Havildars, Naigues & Sepoys	5	"	"	"	2	

We are well assur'd of your Endeavours to make this new Regulation easy to the Sepoys as well as of your Assistance in every other Measure that may be propos'd for the Benefit of the Company. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
11th. October 1755.

13TH. The President advis'd Coll. Adlercron of the intended Expedition against the Polligars, by Letter enter'd in Correspondence with Colonel Adlercron No. 26.

Arriv'd Lieut. Coll. Bagshaw with three Captains of Colonel Adlercron's Regiment; the former appointed President the rest, Members of the General Court Martial to be held here on Major Heron.

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Arriv'd Major Verney Lovett with another Captain of Colonel Adlercron's Regiment both to sit as Members of the said General Court Martial.

Sent the following Letter to Captain Caillaud Commander at Trichenopoly and Orders to the same Effect to Captain Polier and Maskelyne. 19TH.

To CAPTAIN JOHN CAILLAUD.

Sir No. 18.

The Nabob has order'd his Killedar at Trichenopoly to furnish Money for the Repairs of the Fort which you will therefore call upon him for, but all other petty Necessaries for the Garrison as Oyl &c^a. you will supply on the Company's Account seeing that they be us'd with Frugality.

You must not let any of your People interfere in the Disputes of the Country Government, but leave them entirely to the Decision of the Nabob's People. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEX^R. WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort S^t. George
19^th. October 1755.

P.S. Although the Nabob is to pay for the Repairs of the Fort you must transmit us every Month the Account Particulars that we may judge of the nature of them.

Sent Major Kilpatrick his Instructions as follows

To MAJOR JAMES KILPATRICK.

Sir

The Nabob now sets out from Madrass with a Design to settle Accounts with the Polligars of the Arcot Country and we have appointed you to accompany him with a Detachment of three Hundred Men Rank and File and fifteen hundred Sepoys. To compleat this Number thirty Military & two Companies Sepoys will now join you under the Command of [*Lacuna in the original*].

The Nabob has already wrote Orders to all the Polligars to send their Vakeels to him and settle Accounts at Terpasore. If any of them refuse or neglect to do this he will apply to you to march against them with the Army & oblige them; which you will comply with as far as you see prudent.

We have appointed William Perceval Esq^r. to go with the Nabob in quality of Receiver General for the Company and to inspect and direct all Payments to be made by the Commissary M^r. Maunsell.

The Nabob having Agreed that half the Money to be collected from the Polligars shall be paid to the Company, has promis'd also for their further Security that he will make no Accomodations with any of them without your previous Knowledge as well as M^r. Perceval's, that both of you shall be present at every Transaction and that all his Business with them shall be done publickly, therefore whenever a Vakeel arrives in Camp from any of the Polligars the Nabob will assemble you in his Tent where he will settle the Polligars Account in your presence and M^r. Perceval for the Company is to receive the half of whatever Money is paid on any Account or under any Denomination.

You will regulate all the Camp Disbursements in the most frugal manner in concert with M^r. Perceval who is to take once a Month (on what Day you shall find most convenient for the Service, but which should be as near as possible to the beginning or the end of each Month) a General Muster of the Military Sepoys and all the Attendance of the Army, as well as of the Cattle employ'd at which we desire you will be present, or if Business should prevent you, appoint some trusty

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Person in your Stead; and we further desire that whenever any Soldier or Sepoy dies or deserts you will order Report to be made to the Commissary and the same when any Promotions are made amongst the Military or Sepoys.

For by the General Muster which is to be sign'd by yourself or the Person Deputed by you and attested by Mr. Perceval and by the Reports beforemention'd of Death and Desertion He must regulate his Issues of Pay and Batta. We wish you Success and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR WYNCH—WILLIAM PERCEVAL—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
19th. Octor. 1755.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

MONDAY THE 20TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.	GOVERNOUR PRESIDT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
WILLIAM PERCEVAL	ROBERT PALK.

Mr. Percevals Instructions as Receiver General for the Company and Director of the Commissary's Disbursements are now read in their fair Copy, sign'd and deliver'd to him as follow.

To WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQR.

Sir

The Nabob Anaverde Cawn intending to set out in three or four Days in order to settle Accounts with the Polligars of the Arcot Country we have thought proper to appoint you to accompany him as Receiver General for the Company and Director of the Commissary's Disbursements of every kind.

We have resolv'd to send a Detachment of three hundred Men Rank and File & fifteen hundred Sepoys along with the Nabob to enable him to oblige the Polligars to settle Accounts, which Detachment is commanded by Major James Kilpatrick.

The Nabob has already wrote to all the Polligars ordering them to send their Vakeels to meet him at Terpasore, to which Place he proceeds first and he has promis'd that he will make no Accommodations with any of them without the previous Knowledge of yourself and the Commanding Officer. The Nabob is to make his own Agreement, but in your Presence, and whatever Money is paid him on any Account or under any Denomination, you are to receive half for the Company.

The Nabob has consented that his Business shall be transacted in the manner thus laid down, you will make careful enquiry into all his Proceedings with the Polligars, and if you find him engaging in any Secret Accommodations contrary to such his Promise, you will make the strongest Representations to him in our Name.

The Commanding Officer will assist you in settleing all the Camp Disbursements on the most frugal footing. All Payments of Cash of every kind are to be made under your Direction. The Captains draw for the Pay of the Military, but the Sepoys are paid from the Hand of the Commissary, and you will observe, that when any Sepoy dies or deserts his Pay stops on the same Day, the same if a Soldier deserts but if a Soldier dies on or before the 15th. he is to be struck off the Roll at the End of the Month, if after the 15th. he is to be continued on the Roll for the next Month. This is a Consideration for the Burial Charges which the Captains pay, but all Batta as well to Military as Sepoys ceases on the Day of their Death or Desertion.

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To enable you to enforce all these Regulations we have directed the Commanding Officer to give Orders that Report be made to you when any Soldier or Sepoy dies or deserts and to insert the Day in the Pay Rolls. the same when any Promotions are made among the Military or Sepoys, or any new Men enlisted.

You will send us every Month a General Muster of the Military, Sepoys and all the Attendants of the Army that are paid by the Company, together with a List of Cattle; This Muster is to be taken on the Day the commanding Officer shall approve & should be as near as possible to the beginning or the end of each Month; We have desir'd him to be present at it or to appoint some trusty Person in his stead and the Musters are to be sign'd by the Commanding Officer or the Person deputed by him and attested by you.

We have appointed M^R. Maunsell to go with you as Commissary and to act under your Direction in all the Business entrusted to your Care.

The following is a List of Batta to be paid

To Major Kilpatrick ... ... ℔ day ... 5 Pagodas from the Day of his Departure from Madrass.

Captains each	R^s 6 ℔ Day
Lieutenants	4
Ensigns	3
Voluntiers	3
Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, Soldiers	Dieted by the Contractors

For the Sepoys as by Captain Caillaud's Regulation

	Days		Fanams
A Subadar ℔ M^O. of 30 Rupees	20	which makes ℔ Day	8
Jemmidar	9	... ...	3½
Havildars, Naigues & Sepoys	5	... ...	2

Every one from the Day of his taking the Field

M^R. Maunsell is to have six Rupees a Day and your own Allowances we have fix'd at 5 Pagodas a Day for your Expences and 10 Sh^s. a Day as Paymaster.

If you can find a convenient Opportunity during the Course of the Expedition to visit the Forts of Arcot and Changalapet and other lesser Places where any of our Troops are posted, we desire you will revise their Accounts, see if all their Business is carried on in a regular and frugal manner and make such Alterations as you shall judge necessary. We have wrote accordingly to Captains Maskelyne & Polier to give you all the Information you may require, and adhere to such Rules as you shall recommend to them. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROB^T. ORME—ALEX^R. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort S^t. George
20 October 1755.

The Hardwicke being near her Dispatch, the Draft of a Letter to the Secret Committee with whom We are directed by the Orders of the Hoñble the Court of Directors dated 14^th. February last to correspond on all the Matters committed to our Management is Order'd to be prepar'd to be sent on her.

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Agreed that Mr. De Leyrit be advis'd of the approaching Dispatch of the Hardwicke and that any Letters he may be desirous of transmitting on her shall be carefully forwarded.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

[21ST.] Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. De Leyrit of this Date pursuant to Yesterday's Resolution. Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 70.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

FRIDAY THE 24TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT	
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
...	ROBERT PALK.

MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

Letter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors to go by the Ship Hardwicke being read in its foul Copy is approv'd and Order'd to be copied fair.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

[27TH.] Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated 21st. Instant in answer to the President's of the 13th. and 27th. of August, the first on the Subject of the Contested Districts, the other regarding the Pretensions set up by the French to the Arioloor, Madura & Tinnevelly Countries.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

MONDAY THE 27TH

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT	
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
...	ROBERT PALK.

MR. WILLIAM PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

Mr. De Leyrit's Letter of the 21st. being chiefly on the Subject of the contested Districts & containing many Papers of too great a Length to be read and discuss'd before the Departure of the Hardwicke, and our Advices to go by this Ship being all clos'd it is Agreed that the said Letter and Papers do lye on the Table to be taken into Consideration after the Dispatch.

But the last Paragraph containing a Declaration of an extraordinary Nature is order'd to be here inserted that our Honble Masters may judge of the uncertainty of our Situation for if Mr. Leyrit should proceed to act in the manner He therein threatens, the Renewal of the War cannot but be the Consequence.

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The following is Copy of the Paragraph.

"Avant de finir Je ne puis m'empêcher de vous faire observer encore que "Mahmet Aly Se comporte aujourd'huy d'une façon qui ne peut par la Suitte "que luy etre prejudiciable, il use d'une autorité qu'il n'a pas, et l'on peut luy demander sur quel fondement et à quel titre il veut exiger des tributs de divers Paleagars "qui ne les doivent qu'au Nabab d'Arcatte. Je vous previens sur cet Article Monsieur afin qu' en cas de recidive de la part du dit Mahmet Aly vous ne Soyez point "surpris des Moyens qui seront employès pour s'opposer a ces Actes d'hostilite "qui ne peuvent avoir lieu dans l'etat actuel ou sont les Affaires de cette Partie.

Translation.

"Before I conclude I cannot help calling to your Observation once more that "Mahomed Ally conducts himself at this Time in a manner which cannot but be "prejudicial to him in its Consequences; he exerts an Authority which he has not "and it may be ask'd him on what Grounds and under what Title he would exact "Tributes from several Polligars who owe them only to the Nabob of Arcot. I "forewarn you Sir on this Subject, to the end that in case of a Relapse* on the part "of the said Mahomet Ally you may not be surpris'd at the Measures which will be "employ'd to oppose these Acts of Hostility which cannot take place in the present "Situation of the Affairs of these Parts."

*This Expression must refer to the Expedition into Madura & Tinnevelly of which Mr. Leyrit speaks in the former part of his Letter.

It is Resolv'd notwithstanding these Threats of Mr. Leyrit's that We continue to assist the Nabob in collecting the Tributes due from the Polligars which he has an indisputable Right to demand, as we have to assist him in it conformably to the 10th. Article of the Provisional Treaty which stipulates that "Every thing shall remain on the footing of *uti possidetis*."

Now it is certain that these Polligars have at all Times acknowledg'd the Nabob, that they paid to his Agents Sums in part of their Tributes, during the Troubles, at the Time of the Conclusion of the Truce and since, which is a Proof of his Right always acknowledg'd by them and the same Right must subsist as long as the Truce.

Although there is not Time to get a Translation of Mr. Leyrit's Letter it is Order'd that a Copy in French be sent in our Packet to the Secret Committee and that a Postcript be added to the Letter advising of the foregoing Resolution.

A Postcript having been accordingly added the Letter to the Secret Committee to go by the Ship Hardwicke is now Sign'd and it is Order'd that the Books respecting all the Matters under our Management be seal'd up in a separate Parcel & directed to the said Secret Committee.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
... — ROBT. PALK.

MONDAY THE 27TH

MR. PERCEVAL *upon service.*

The Business of the Committee for the Dispatch of the Hardwicke being finish'd, the Several Letters lately receiv'd are Order'd to be now read that the necessary Answers may be given.

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Letter from Duval De Leyrit Esq^{r}· dated 21st· Octo^{r}· as enter'd in the French Correspondence N^{o}· 71, part of which was consider'd in the foregoing Committee of this Date, and the rest regarding chiefly the contested Districts, it is Order'd that a Copy of the said Letter and of the Papers inclos'd be sent to the Commissaries with Directions to make Enquiry into the Truth of them, and send us their Remarks.

And although we do not imagine M^{r}· De Leyrit will proceed to Hostilities against the Nabob notwithstanding the Threats contain'd in the last Paragraph of his Letter, yet it is Agreed to advise Col^{l}· Adlercron & Major Kilpatrick of what M^{r}· De Leyrit writes, and to direct the latter in Case he should find any French Troops join'd with the Polligars, first to protest against the Commanding Officer for bearing Arms in the Service of Rebells in Contradiction to the Truce, and then to proceed without any Regard to them, not committing any Hostilities on his part till they oppose his March, in which Case he is to repulse Force by Force.

Agreed also that M^{r}· Starke be directed to place a Spy at the Choultry near Pondicherry where our Tappies put up, in order to bring him immediate Intelligence of the Motions of any Party from that Place, to acquaint Col^{l}· Adlercron of such Intelligence, & advise us by express Tappies.

From William Perceval Esq^{r}· and Major James Kilpatrick as follow

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{R}· President & Govern^{R}·
&c^{A}· Gentlemen of the Committee.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I receiv'd the Honour of your Orders of the 11th· Instant, to proceed to Arcot, where I arriv'd the 14th· in the Afternoon, and took Charge of the Troops that were encamp'd there under the Command of Captain Maskelyne, & on the 16th· in the Morning I acquainted the Sepoys with the Regulation of their Field Batta, which has taken Place with them as well as with those of Trichenopoly. I march'd with the Army from Arcot the 17th· in the Morning and will be at Terpasore the 20th· about 10 ôClock, Lieutenant Lullin is so very ill that I shall be oblig'd to send him to Madrass. Lieutenant Brook join'd me this Morning. I will send you exact Returns the 21st· by which you will be able to judge of what Supplies may be further necessary for this undertaking.

If my Address to you is not proper I beg that you will put me Right in your next Letter.

I have the honour to remain with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Camp Narasingaporum — Your most Obedient humble Servant
19th· Octo^{r}· 1755. — James Kilpatrick.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{R}· President and Governour &c^{A}·
Gentlemen of the Committee.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I arriv'd at Terpasore the 20th· Instant, but finding no cover there for the Troops and Ammunition as I had but very few Tents, and a heavy Rain coming on at the Time, which was likely to continue, determin'd me to move on to a Place call'd Trevatore where I found tolerable Cover for every thing without interfering much with the Inhabitants of the Place. The Nabob is encamp'd about two Miles from us, I waited on him upon my Arrival here, & represented to him the inconveniency that would attend his being at so great a Distance from us, particularly on Account of relieving the Guard every Day in so bad a Season the Reason he gave for chusing that Situation, He thought it the most proper Place to consult about Business but I am apprehensive that his chiefest View in being at such a Distance from me, is that He may pick up some Pence unknown to me, but I shall keep a strict Eye on him. He inform'd me that none of the Polligars have

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yet wrote to him, nor sent their Vakeels, and that they are uniting their Force to oppose us. I have consented to Lieut^{t}. Lullin & Ensign Vouga's returning to Madrass on Account of their bad State of Health, as they represented to me. I must beg Gentlemen that you will be pleas'd to settle the Ranks of the Officers in their different Stations and Commission those who are only appointed, and send me a List of the Officers here agreeable to a Regulation that you are pleas'd to make, which will prevent in future all Doubts but what Justice is done them by whatever Officer Commands; As he must oblige them to do their Duty, and some of them will always think themselves injur'd, without it is decided by you. There is at present an Instance of Discontent between Lieut^{t}. Brook and Lieutenant Raillard of the Train, Brook being Commission'd and Raillard only appointed, which Appointment (as He informs me) was some Months before Brook's Arrival in India. I have referr'd them to you to settle it between them and promis'd to represent it.

I have receiv'd the Honour of your Orders of the 19th. which shall be strictly complied with in all Respects. Please to let me know if I am to send Returns to Col^{l}. Adlercron as usual. Enclos'd are the Returns which I promis'd to send you on the 21st. but the Weather has been so bad that I have not till now been able to get the Sepoys together. I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Trevatore
22^{d}. Oct^{r}. 1755.

JAMES KILPATRICK.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. &C^{A}. COMMITTEE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Nabob having been last Night acquainted with Mr. Percevals Arrival we waited on him this Morning at his desire, & had a private Conference with him. He told us Maulrauze came to him Yesterday, being the only Person, nor had any of the Polligars sent their Vakeels; he had Information that several Polligars were in Combination against him, he had as yet only receiv'd Maulrauze with his Compliments, that he found he must treat him with Civility in order by his Means to break the Knot of these Polligars. We think we ought not to take any Notice to Maulrauze of his late bad Behaviour till the Nabob's Business is over, and shall be glad of your Directions how to act with him afterwards.

We represented to the Nabob the necessity of going against some of the Polygars before the Rains sat in otherwise We might continue here perhaps a long Time, doing Nothing & at a great Expence, He was of the same Opinion but talk'd of sending the Nelloor Subadar with some Sepoys; Major Kilpatrick objected to that, telling him he ought not to run the Risque of a Defeat in the Enterprize; It would be safer & more for his Honour to march with the whole Army, while the fair Weather continued; He ask'd the Major when he could be ready, he said at two Hours Warning, He seem'd greatly pleas'd at that, desir'd a little Time to consider of it, & would advise us at 4 ôClock this Afternoon; We did not hear from him 'till 6 this Evening, when by his Interpreter he acquainted us, that Bommarauze's Vakeel had sent him Word, he would wait on him tomorrow, that he could not therefore come to any Resolution about the March of the Army, till he had conferr'd with Him.

We beg leave to assure You, we shall not be wanting to advise and encourage him to act as We think will best Answer the Intent of our Commission and are with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

Camp at Trivetore
24th. Octo^{r}. 1755.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JAMES KILPATRICK.

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To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r.

Hoñble Sir

I arriv'd here last Night about Sun Sett, Major Kilpatrick has put me into very good Quarters & the Men are all extremely well provided in a large fine Pagoda.

This Morning the Major and I waited on the Nabob, I deliver'd him your Letter, which he said was very agreeable to him.

Maulrauze came in Yesterday & the Major being inform'd a little before I arriv'd, that Maulrauze had been with the Nabob & gone away again, sent an handsome Message to him to know if it was so, but it prov'd otherwise, We had Occasion to talk of this, this Morning; we observ'd to him he promis'd to you, we should be present whenever he settled with any Polligars or others especially relating to Money Affairs, he said it was very true, that as yet he had only receiv'd a Complimentary Visit from Maulrauze, that We must be sensible of the Forms & Customs of this Country, that he could not himself settle his Affairs with these People, but that his Officers & the other Vakeels undertook that Business, & when things were agreed they should be made publick in our presence, & that he would strictly adhere to his promises made to you in every Respect. Indeed I do not see how he or We can act otherwise.

Our People are in such good Quarters that should We continue here the Rains which possibly may be the Case if the several Vakeels come in, & it is now reported that some are on the Road hither; I believe they might be put upon half Batta at most, I should be oblig'd to you for some directions on that Head.

I find it would be very agreeable to the Officers here, if the present Officer of the Train was to be continued as their head Officer, I only mention this to you.

I had not time to mention the Affair of Mootas Ally Cawn to the Nabob, but the Linguist tells me they have a different Account of his Prime Minister's Death, that he had beat one of his own Servants in a most violent manner, who in revenge kill'd him. He seems to know nothing of the Seven Articles. I hope you will believe always Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

Camp at Trivitoor
24th. Octo^r. 1755.

William Percival.

25th. I could not copy over these Letters till this Morning, tho intended for yesterday Night.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r.

Hoñble Sir

Nattamul Lollah Vakeel from Bungarasum Naig Polligar of Vingatagiry came in Yesterday; The Nabob finding he only trifles with him, We shall march with the Army this Afternoon towards his Country; We go by the way of Peddipollum or Perripollam Pagoda to the Northward, & may reach that to morrow Noon, the Stores indented for may be sent that way; the few Men that are Sick will be sent to Terpasore Fort; M^r. Keir has not yet sent the Medicines Chest which is much wanted. Major Kilpatrick wishes he had some of his Captains with him, you will please to order them out as soon as possible.

We have but nine Thousand Rupees in Camp, & Pay Day is at hand, you will please to send out what Money you may think necessary with M^r. Maunsell.

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I am with much Truth and Esteem Honble Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

Camp at Trivetoor
26th. Octor. 1755.

WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Twelve Sick Men are left at Terpasore.

The President acquaints the Committee that Mr. Maunsell set out last Night with 2000 Pagodas for the Service of the Troops, that the Stores indented for were sent to Camp yesterday, and it is now order'd that the Medicines be dispatch'd as soon as possible—That the Commissary send Dooley's to bring in the twelve sick Men from Terpasore and that such Men as may hereafter fall sick in Camp, and are not likely to recover there, be sent to the nearest Place where We have a Garrison.

In Order to prevent any future Disputes among the Officers about Rank, it is Agreed to Send Major Kilpatrick a General List in the order they are to stand and to put an end to the present Dispute between the two Lieutenants of the Train it is Order'd that Mr. Brooke who came from England with the Company's Directions to succeed to the first Vacancy of a Lieutenancy in the Train before Col. Heron's Appointment of Mr. Raillard to act in that Station was confirm'd, do take the Rank, and that a Brevet be sent Mr. Raillard dated the Day after Mr. Brookes Commission.

As all the Captains now in this Garrison are requir'd to be present either as Members or Evidences at the General Court Martial to be held on Colonel Heron, it is impossible for us to send any to Major Kilpatrick 'till that is ended, after which it is Agreed to supply him with as many as We shall judge necessary for the Service.

Order'd that Letters be immediately wrote to Mr. Perceval & Major Kilpatrick pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

From Richard Starke Esqr. dated 12th. Instant inclosing a Letter to him from Meer Saib Killedar of Ellavanasore in Answer to what he wrote him by the Vakeel he sent to that Place in Consequence of our Directions of the 27th. of last Month. Accompanying the said Letter is a Copy of Meer Saib's Requests to the Nabob and his Answers, also an Account of the Revenues of Ellavanasoor, all which are enter'd No. 177 in the Book of Country Correspondence.

Those Papers having been communicated to the Nabob, it is Agreed to wait his Explanation & Opinion upon them before we take any further Resolution on this Affair.

Captain Maskelyne writes from Arcot that he deliver'd over the Command of the Troops encamp'd there, to Major Kilpatrick the 17th. Instant, that he has acquainted all the Subadar with our late Regulations concerning the Sepoys, with which they seem well contented; that he is inform'd by Intelligence from Sadgul that Mr. Volontier (commonly call'd Conna Fringy) was detach'd from Pondicherry with Forty Europeans, twenty Coffrees, fifteen Horse a Field Piece and two hundred Sepoys to assist the Nabob of Cuddapah in recovering two or three Year's Tribute for some Polligars of his Dependance & That the Rout of this Party is through Pollikonda, Aumoor, & Waniambaree.

Letters from the Renter & Tasealdar at Tripoty Read inclosing Bills for Pagodas ten Thousand (10,000) and Rupees five thousand three hundred (5,300) in further part of the Septr. or 1st. Kist of the present Year.

Order'd that the Commissary do demand Payment of the Bills.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

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[27th] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1755.*——

Sent a Letter of this Date to Col[l]. Adlercron, as enter'd N[o]. 27 also the following Letters to Richard Starke Esq[r]. William Perceval Esq[r]. & Major James Kilpatrick, pursuant to this Day's Resolutions.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQ[R].

Sir

The President this Day receiv'd a Letter from M[r]. De Leyrit, the last Paragraph of which is as follows.

"Before I conclude I cannot help calling to your Observation once more that "Mahomed Ally conducts himself at this time in a manner which cannot but be "prejudicial to him in its Consequences, he exerts an Authority which he has "not and it may be ask'd him on what Grounds and under what Title he would "exact Tributes from several Polligars who owe them only to the Nabob of "Arcot; I forewarn you Sir on this Subject to the end that in Case of a Relapse on "the Part of the said Mahomed Ally you may not be surpris'd at the Measures "which will be employ'd to oppose these Acts of Hostility which cannot take Place "in the present Situation of the Affairs of these Parts.

We cannot imagine that M[r]. Leyrit does really intend to commence Hostilities on so bad a Title and his Threats have not produc'd any Alteration in our Designs; In order however that we may be appriz'd as certainly and as speedily as possible of his Proceedings we direct that you send a trusty Peon or other Person for a Spy to lodge at the Choultry near Pondicherry where our Tappies put up with Orders to give you immediate Intelligence of the Motions of any Party in or out of that Place—which Intelligence you will dispatch to us by express Tappies without Loss of Time & communicate the same to Col[l]. Adlercron. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Fort S[t]. George
27[th] Octo[r]. 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT &c[a].

To WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ[R].

Sir

We have receiv'd your joint Letter with Major Kilpatrick dated 24[th]. Instant & the President has communicated to us your Letters to him of the 24[th]. & 26[th].

The Stores are already sent by the way of Tirvatore M[r]. Maunsell set out Yesterday with two Thousand Pagodas and We shall supply you further if you have occasion for it.

We have directed the Medicines to be pack'd and dispatch'd to the Army immediately.

The President has this Day receiv'd a Letter from M[r]. De Leyrit which concludes with threatening that Measures will be taken to oppose the Nabob's Proceeding in his Demand of Tribute from the Polligars; but as he can have no kind of Plea for such an Act of Hostility we imagine it is only a Tryal he has a Mind to make of our Resolution, & we have not thought it necessary to make any Alteration in our Plan; We have communicated this to Major Kilpatrick and directed him first to protest against the Commanding Officer of any French Troops he may find join'd with the Polligars and if that has no Effect to proceed in his Operations without any Regard to them unless they use force against him in which Case he is to repulse force by force.

If Maulrauze has settled with the Nabob & is still in Camp or you meet with another Opportunity we would have you secure him. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEX[R]. WYNCH—ROB[T]. PALK.

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27[th]. Oct[r]. 1755.

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To MAJOR JAMES KILPATRICK.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 19th. & 22nd. October and your joint one with Mr. Perceval dated 24.

We are preparing a General List of Officers to be sent you with the Ranks settled but in order to put an End to the Dispute between the two Gentlemen of the Train we have determin'd that Mr. Brooke have the Rank & a Brevet shall be sent Mr. Raillard dated the Day after Mr. Brooke's Commission.

Whenever you have any Sick men that are not likely to recover in Camp, you will please to send them to the nearest Place where we have a Garrison. We have order'd out Dooleys to bring those left at Terpasore hither.

Some Captains shall be sent you as soon as possible. They are detain'd as yet by the General Court Martial. We approve of your sending Returns regularly to Coll. Adlercron and you may advise him at the same time of any material Occurrence.

If Maulrawze has settled with the Nabob and is still in Camp, or should come within your reach again pray secure him.

The President has this Day receiv'd a Letter from Mr. De Leyrit which concludes with threatening that Measures will be taken to oppose the Nabob's proceeding in his Demand of Tribute from the Polligars, but as he can have no kind of Plea for such an Act of Hostility, we imagine it is only a Tryal he has a Mind to make of our Resolution, & We have not thought it necessary to make any Alteration in our Plan. If you should find any French Troops join'd with The Polligars, you are first to protest against the Commanding Officer, for bearing arms in the Service of Rebells in Contradiction to the Articles of the Truce, and then proceed without any Regard to them, not committing any Hostilities against them, till they oppose your march, in that Case you are to repulse Force by Force.

The Stores were sent away Yesterday by the Tervatore Road.

The 4 Companys of Sepoys which join'd You from Poonemalee are the same who were on Command with Lieut. Gurtler, that Gentleman is now sent out to you, We therefore desire you will make Enquiry into their Behaviour which has been represented to us to be very Scandalous. We are Sir Your Most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
27th. Octobr. 1755.

Receiv'd a Letter from Duval De Leyrit Esqr. to the President dated 23d. Instant as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 72. 28TH.

AT A COMMITTEE THURSDAY THE 30TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT Esqr. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
... ROBERT PALK.
MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

Since last Meeting the President receiv'd the two following Letters from Mr. Perceval.

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[30mo.]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1755.*——

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r.

Hoñble Sir

Agreeable to what I wrote you Yesterday the Army march'd after Noon, & encamp'd at this Place, about 8 Miles N.N.E. from Trevatoor, Nattamul Lollah has prevail'd on the Nabob to remain here six Days, in which Time he promises to settle every thing to his Satisfaction; the Nabob declares to him if he does not perform his Promise & he should be oblig'd to move again towards his Country, He will show neither his Master nor him any Favour, but proceed with the utmost Rigour. Vencatachilum tells me, we may be assur'd every thing will be settled with this Man, & Money will be forth coming. Bommaruze's Vakeel is not yet arriv'd.

As We are now in the Field, we are in great want of both Officers & Men's Tents.

M^r. Mansell came in this Morning, & tells me he must return to Morrow to attend at the Court Martial, I hope it will soon be over. I am with great Respect Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

Camp at Killenoor
27^th. Octo^r. 1755.

William Perceval.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r.

Hoñble Sir

The Nabob did us the Favour of a Visit last Night, He told us Connafringy with 40 French 20 Coffrees, 300 Sepoys and 3 Guns was gone against a Fort near Sadgul, call'd Amoor or Amboor, He desir'd I would mention it to you & wishes you could send one Hundred Europeans & three Hundred Sepoys to its Relief with 2 Guns, He would join four or five Hundred of his Horsemen to them; Vencatachilum says, He believes the Person in possession would gladly pay the Expence. Is not this an Infringement of the Truce, the French daring to attack a Fort that has always acknowledg'd the Nabob? After the Nabob has reduc'd these Petty Polligars I find his Intent if possible is to reduce Veloor, but of that you will hear more hereafter.

We remain here in hopes to settle with Nattamul Lollah, it is said there is more than one Lack of Rupees expected from his Master.

The Nabob has desir'd some Snuff of me, but seems in want of a Snuff Box, I wish you would be so kind to supply him with one, I have not one fit to give him.

Abdul Vahab Cawn arriv'd at the Nabob's Quarters this Morning. I am with great Esteem Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Killenoor
28^th. Octo^r. 1755

William Perceval

I fear I shall want a Secretary.

Letter at the same time receiv'd from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N^o. 184, Read, complaining of Disturbances lately rais'd by the French in the District of Suncrapoor, and that Connafringy with the Party mention'd in Captain Maskelyne's Letter read last Committee had besieg'd Aumoor Pettah a Place near Sadgul belonging to the Circar. Agreed that a Representation be made to M^r. De Leyrit of these Infringements of the Truce and that Capt. Maskelyne be directed to watch the Motions of Connafringy's Party.

All the Tents as well for Officers as Soldiers having been already sent to Camp, it is agreed to write Major Kilpatrick to acquaint us how many more he shall want

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to cover the whole Army, and as the Rains have lately been very heavy and more may be expected, which will be very hurtful to our People if they are expos'd, the President is desir'd to recommend to the Nabob to keep the Army lodg'd as much as possible in Places of Shelter, and it is Agreed to direct Mr. Perceval and Major Kilpatrick to put him in mind of this necessary Caution as often as they see Occasion.

Mr. De Leyrit's Letter of the 23d. Instant No. 72 contains a Complaint that our Commissary's lately seiz'd five Inhabitants of the Contested Districts and carried them Prisoners to Carangoly Fort, of which five Person's Mr. De Leyrit demands the Release as Subjects [belonging] to the French and living under their Protection. The [Presid]ent acquaints the Committee that Captain Gauppe one of our Commissaries who was lately at Madrass gave him the following Account of this Affair, That these five Persons had often insulted and even struck the Perpatims appointed by our Commissaries to watch in their respective Villages and obstructed them in the Execution of their Office; that the French Commissaries frequently seiz'd the Inhabitants of the contested Districts & sent them even to Pondicherry without any Reason by which means they had struck an Awe of their Authority into the People very prejudicial to our Interest, for which Reason our Commissaries thought it necessary to make an Example of these five Offenders.

The Committe approve of this Proceeding of our Commissaries and it is Agreed to direct them to send us a Particular Account of the Persons seiz'd by the French & carried to Pondicherry from the contested Districts & Resolv'd in the mean time to write Mr. De Leyrit that We look upon all the Inhabitants of the contested Districts to be Subjects at least equally belonging to us, that the five Persons in Question by their insolent Behaviour to our Perpatims offended not only against the Respect due from them to us, but also against the Treaty concluded between the President & Mr. Godeheu on the Subject of those Districts & that when we have reason to be satisfied that they will behave better in future it will be a proper time to show them Marks of clemency.

The Vakeel of the Tripoty Renter now delivers in a Bill for Pagodas 407, in full of the Ballance due on the June or last Kist of the former Year deducting 2 ℔ Cent as usual for the Soroff's Premium on the Bills. The Account of the said Kist, as examined in Committee the 15th. Septr. last, being referred to, the Bill is found right & the Commissary is order'd to demand the Money.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
Ar. WYNCH.
Robr. PALK.

Sent two Letters from the President to Duval De Leyrit Esqr. one dated Yesterday, one this Day, pursuant to the Resolutions of the two last Committees; Enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 73 & 74. 31st.

Sent also the following Letters to William Perceval Esqr. and Major James Kilpatrick pursuant to Yesterday's Resolutions.

To WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQr.

Sir

The President yesterday laid before us your Letters to him of the 27th. & 28th. We have complain'd to Mr. Leyrit of the Proceedings of Connafringy and shall wait his Answer for we do not imagine the Fort of Amboor is in any immediate Danger and we are unwilling to expose our Men to the inclemency of the Weather without absolute necessity.

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[81st.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1755.*——

For the same Reason we desire you will enquire of the Nabob when he thinks his Business will be finis'd & where he intends to lodge the Men, recommending it to him whenever he designs to make a stay of three or four Days to fix on some Spot where the People can be shelter'd from the Rain, otherwise we must expect to have them fall down very fast, We have already sent out all the Tents we could get made and more are in hand.

We have just receiv'd your Letter of the 30th. and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
31st. Octor 1755.

To MAJOR JAMES KILPATRICK.

Sir

We have sent out all the Tents we have been able to get ready as well for Officers as Men and beg you will dispose of them so as to shelter as many of your People as possible. We have order'd more to be set about and should be glad to know what number will be necessary for the whole Army. That the Men may be as little expos'd as possible We have recommended it to the Nabob to fix always on some Spot where they can be shelter'd whenever he designs making Stay of three or four Days and We desire you will put him in mind of this as you see Occasion.

The Nabob acquaints us that Connafringy with a Party of French and Sepoys seems to have a Design against the Fort of Amboor belonging to the Nabob. We do not apprehend much Danger on that Score and have therefore contented ourselves for the Present with complaining to Mr. Leyrit. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
31st. Octor. 1755.

NOVEMBER 3D. Receiv'd a Letter from Colonel John Adlercron dated 30th. October as enter'd No. 28.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

MONDAY THE 3D.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT	
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
...	ROBERT PALK.

MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

Receiv'd the following Letters from Captain Caillaud & Mr. Newton

To THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AT MADRASS.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

No. 14. The last Letter I had the Honour of addressing you Gentlemen was No. 13, dated the 2d. Instant since when I have receiv'd your Favour of the 27th. September No. 10.

In consequence of the Measures Gentlemen which you pointed out for me to persue, I went to Tanjore, and deliver'd the two Letters to the King and Monogee. Monogee seem'd well pleas'd with his and made great Promises to acquiesce in every

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thing We could desire. From him I went to the King; who thô when his Letter was read, express'd nothing to me in particular that he was dissatisfied, yet I plainly saw he was nothing less than pleas'd. My Audience was short, the King retiring to dress on Account of the Feast, and to make his Appearance that Night in Publick. The next Day I saw Monogee, and intimated to him what I thought and what I suspected, with my Wonder at what the King could be displeas'd in the Letter. Monogee own'd my Suspicions were true, but assur'd me that by the Conversation he had after my Departure with the King, he had remov'd all Grounds of displeasure; especially when he told him, that I would endeavour to make Tondiman deliver the Country to us untill a proper Time came to settle this Affair, that I should see the King the next Day, and be convinc'd how well satisfied he was with our Intentions towards him, and willing to abide by our Decision in the Affair. The next Day instead of seeing the King, a Message came from him, desiring me in a very pressing manner to stay two Days longer and then he would see me, but he could not before on Account of his Feast, which forbid him at that Time to do any Business. Finding it was to no purpose arguing against it, I agreed to stay, and the third Morning after went to Monogee, from whence I expected to be introduc'd to the King. But then after a great many Apologies, another trifling Excuse was made why I could not see the King that Day, but that I should the next. I refus'd then staying any longer, and told Monogee I suspected the Reason why I could not see the King, for that I was sure he was not satisfied. I urg'd his not acting sincerely, and the Folly of endeavouring to deceive us who were his Friends, He assur'd me over and over the King was satisfied, that I was mistaken, and that he entirely submitted and depended on us. I then took my Leave, and set out for Trichenopoly. In half an Hour after I was gone a Person came from the King expecting to find me at Mr. Newton's, but thô I was not there he deliver'd his Message to him.

> "That the King would wait no longer than fifteen or twenty Days, untill we "could have Letters from Madrass; That he expected the Country, and "that if it was not agreed on by our Means to put him in Possession of it in "that Time, he must send Monogee with his Army to recover it for him."

Two Days after Mr. Newton who had been some time out of Order, intending to come here; sent a Message to Monogee acquainting him with his Design, before he set out. Monogee immediately sent for him, and after begging his Pardon, and hoping he would not be angry, desir'd him to tell me he had the King's Order to march and recover that Country as soon as the Feast was over if the next Letters that came from Madrass which he would wait for, did not decide the Affair in his Favour. Since Mr. Newton's Account of what happen'd after my Departure I have wrote to the King and Monogee; Copies of which Letters I take the Liberty to enclose to you.

It seems the King is very averse to the Scheme of the Country being put into our Hands, for then he knows he dare not attempt any thing against it. But as it is certainly the best Method to prevent his acting, and of our making him comply with the necessary Measures at this Time, I shall use my utmost Endeavours to make Tondiman agree to it. I hope and expect to meet him or his Brother in a Day or two and so to be able to settle it. If you thought proper Gentlemen a more peremptory Letter than the last might have a good Effect, & may I beg your further Orders & Instructions how to act should things come to an Extremity.

I have follow'd your Directions Gentlemen as to Mauphoos Cawn, and in a few Days expect his Answer, as also to be at some certainty with regard to the Payment of the Money from the Polligar Securities; as soon as I can get Satisfactory Accounts I shall not fail to transmit them. I remain with great Respect &c.

Trichinopoly
21st. October 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

P.S. Along with this goes the Muster Rolls for October according to an Order receiv'd from Major Bridge.

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[2a.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*——

To the King of Tanjore.

I was very sorry to be oblig'd to go from your Court without having the Honour to take my Leave; But I was more sorry afterwards to find I had come there to no purpose. I thought the Letter from my Master, which I had the Honour to deliver you, was sufficient to satisfie you. I thought the Assurances I made you Sir would content you. I thought you wanted no proofs of the Favour and Friendship of the English Nation, and how ready and willing they were at all Times with Justice to support your Honour and Interest. I thought all this when I came away from your House; and now I find you are not willing to trust our Words even to settle about a little Country for you. My Masters won't believe me when I write all this, and tell them the Message you sent after me. I cannot believe it myself, but think it was a Dream; or that the Man you sent, did not tell the Words of your Mouth. I have wrote all to Madrass; and I hope and expect you will wait the Answer as you promis'd Mr. Newton, & as it was upon what he told me & to oblige you that I wrote Since you was not willing to hear what I had to say from myself. Monogee your General can tell you every thing, and when he tells you what I promis'd, it will be this, That as you claim'd that Country from Tondiman, it must of Consequence be your Right, and therefore we would act justly and get for you your own, but that it requir'd some time to hear what Tondiman had to say, and that the Governor desir'd you would wait and leave it to us to settle (This you promis'd when you desir'd us to be middle Persons) That We hoped you would not think of fighting; because you knew very well we had given our Words that there should be none yet in the Country. All this I told Monogee, and would have had the Honour of telling you so myself had you thought proper to see me. But the next Time I come to Tanjore I hope to have better Fortune, I expect it too because I come in the Place of the Honourable Governor and speak his Words, therefore I deserve to be treated with Respect; But I say no more you will know his mind by his next Letter, and I am sure you will be contented and satisfied that the English Nation are your Brothers, and the well wishers of your Honour and your Happiness for which I always pray.

To Monogee.

Little did I think after I left you Sir that the King would send such a Message. You told me the King was satisfied; could he be satisfied and speak such Words? But I knew better; I knew the King was angry and that was the Reason why you would not let me see him. You have been promising the King more than ever I promis'd you. You have been deceiving us and deceiving him. You call me your Brother and your Friend, and yet you will not tell me truth. What can I say to all this? What can I do? You have desir'd Mr. Newton to tell me you have the King's Orders to march after the Feast, if the next Letters from Madrass do not give the Country to the King. Perswade the King to think otherwise; It is your Interest to do so; It is for his Good. Talk to him reasonably, he will hear Reason, and by little and little put out of his Mind that thought of fighting when he can manage his Business better without it. Let him Leave it to us to settle all, let him wait till we can manage it properly. I am afraid the King is Angry with you about this Business; But you make him worse by promising more than he ought to expect. You promise every thing to be done in ten or fifteen Days, and you I believe have told him that I promis'd the Same. Remember what I told you Sir, that I would do every thing in my Power, with Justice, for him, and that for our Sakes as well as his own, we would settle it as soon as We could; But that I would not hear of any Time, nor would I hear talk of fighting. Did you tell him these Words, and did he then send that Message after I was gone, and desire you to tell Mr. Newton what he told me? I am sorry for all this, not for my Sake, but for yours. The King does not frighten me by being angry; I had rather he was pleas'd and it is your Business to make him so, but not in the way you do, by telling him what is not true. The Fire will blaze out at last against you thô you

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cover it for a little while, and then you will not be able to stop it. I have wrote to Madrass, I expect an Answer in the common Time; The King will have a letter and so will you, it is your Business till then to keep the King quiet, and to make him reasonable; I expect this from your good Sense, and the Love you have you say for us all, and me as your Brother. Write me your mind, I hope to have an Answer to this Letter, and that then you will tell me for sure the King is as he ought to be; I shall meet Tondiman's Brother in two or three Days & I hope to make every Thing easy, in the way I promis'd I would.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

Hoñble Sir

I hope your Goodness will excuse the Liberty I have taken, in leaving Tanjore a small time without your previous Consent, but being much out of Order, I am in Hopes by a change of Air and Doctor Willson's Assistance to receive great Benefit.

Captain Caillaud having acquainted your Honour and the Committee with his Proceedings in regard to the Disputes between the King of Tanjore and Tondiman, was the Reason of my not addressing you lately on that Subject.

The King's Behaviour to Captain Caillaud a few Days ago when there, and his Declaration to me since of his intending to send Troops against Tondiman in 15 or 20 Days if not put in Possession of the Country seem to indicate his Resolution of being satisfied with nothing less, and I believe it has been owing only to a want of Money, and expecting to be put in Possession by your Mediation that they have deferr'd it so long; The want of Money is I believe in a great Measure remov'd by the Rents coming in lately and other Methods Monogee has taken to procure it.

A few Days after I wrote you last the King return'd the Watch you sent him on pretence it did not go well, but really because he did not think it good enough, and expects to receive a Repeater, I was order'd to promise him.

I would be glad to be favour'd with your Commands in regard to that, as also my longer continuance at Tanjore, or where you would please to have me repair to. I am with great Respect Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Trichenopoly
22d. October 1755.

Andrew Newton.

The Committee do with great Concern observe from the Perusal of the foregoing Letters the King of Tanjore's averseness to the Method of accommodating the Dispute between him and Tondiman propos'd to him by Captain Caillaud in Consequence of our Resolution of the 21th. Septr. and that in spite of all our Endeavours to prevent Hostilities he seems still resolv'd to attempt by Force the Recovery of the Countries he claims. The Difficulties set forth in the said Committee of 26th. Septr. do still subsist; On one Side a Breach of the Truce, On the other a Rupture between us and the Tanjorean; The first We are determin'd on no Account to engage in, the other We would avoid if possible, but We see no Method except the last propos'd (vizt.) That the Contested Countries should be deposited in our Hands untill the Right can be determin'd. It is Agreed therefore to direct Captain Caillaud & Mr. Newton to make another Tryal of it, and to enforce it by representing To the King of Tanjore that We absolutely cannot see him commence Hostilities without opposing him, that if he will consent to our Proposal an Opportunity may offer of favouring him; as we should always be glad to do when Circumstances will admit of it; And to Tondiman that by lodging the Countries in our Hands his Rights will be preserved entire whereas if the King of Tanjore should take them from him by Force, he will have no Chance of recovering them.

Agreed further to write Captn. Caillaud that if by his expected Conference with Tondiman's Brother he should discover any other means of settling this Dispute amicably, it will be highly agreeable to us, and that We leave it to his Discretion;

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And although these our utmost Endeavours to prevent Hostilities should all prove ineffectual, and the King of Tanjore actually send his Troops against Tondiman we would still avoid being the first to oppose him, and if possible oblige the French to begin the Work, for fear of his throwing himself into their Arms, to which end it is resolv'd to direct Captain Caillaud to advise us if the King of Tanjore should commence Hostilities & wait our further Orders, and if in the mean Time the French Commandant should prepare to assist Tondiman and demand the Junction of a Party of English, that He (Captain Caillaud) return for Answer that he has advis'd us and expects our Directions.

Letter from Col^{l}· Adlercron dated 30th· October as enter'd N^{o}· 28, Read, in Answer to the Notice We gave him of M^{r}· De Leyrit's threatening to oppose the Nabob in his Demand of Tribute from the Polligars. Col^{l}· Adlercron expresses some Doubts whether We have not first broke the Treaty by sending an Army with the Nabob upon such a Service, which doubts he says he should have been able to clear up if he had been trusted with a Copy of the Provisional Treaty; He assures us however that he is willing to exert his whole Strength in support of the Company's Interests in this Country although he has met with the most unprecedent Usage, and concludes with a Complaint of our not having answer'd his Letter of the 8th· August last.

It is equal Surprise and Grief to us to find by the whole Tenor of Colonel Adlercron's Letter that all our Endeavours to see him satisfied and a Harmony establish'd have been ineffectual, and that he cannot address us on publick Business without a large Mixture of Expressions tending only to inflame Divisions. The want of a Copy of the Provisional Treaty seems however to be the only Pretence he now has for speaking of Grievances, and although that Treaty does not as we have often assur'd him concern any thing that can happen in India during the Truce, it is however Agreed to send him a Copy of it, in hopes that our compliance in this Point will deprive him of the Possibility of further Complaint.

We are convinc'd beyond Doubt by his Majesty's Instructions to Col^{l}· Adlercron, that he is only to execute the Plans sent him by us as far as the Council of War find them practicable without enquiring into our Reasons Yet it is Agreed to explain to him particularly the Nabob's Right over the Polligars and the weakness of M^{r}· Leyrit's Pretensions in order to remove his Doubts on that Subject. And in Answer to the other Parts of his Letter it is resolv'd to write him,

That We never imagin'd the usage he has met with could lessen his Regard for the Interest of the Company which is the Interest of the Nation in general, for if that Usage has been unprecedented, it can be only for this Reason, That no Person of any Rank soever who has come to India has been treated with so much Respect, Civility and even Indulgence.

And, That our Desire of Harmony and of an end to the disagreeable part of the Correspondence between us was the Reason of our not replying to his Letter of the 8th· August. Of this Letter enough is said in Committee of the 13th· of that Month when a Resolution was taken to answer it by a General Memorial which We actually prepar'd, but for fear of lengthening a Discussion on the several disputed Points, and thereby inflaming Divisions, it was resolv'd not to send it, and the Secret Committee are acquainted with these Reasons in our Address of the 27th· Octo^{r}· last, by the Ship Hardwicke.

Receiv'd since last Meeting the following Letter from William Perceval Esq^{r}·

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^{e} and
Gentlemen of the Committee.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I Yesterday receiv'd your Favour of the 27th· and acquainted the Nabob with the insolent Behaviour of the French, He was very much pleas'd with the Directions

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*—— [3RD.]

you have given to Major Kilpatrick; He has Advice of a Skirmish happening between the Polligar of Amboor & Connafringy & that the latter was oblig'd to retreat.

Maulrauze is now under the Nabob's Protection and look'd upon as a necessary Man in the present Situation of his Affairs; We shall wait for a proper opportunity to secure him. I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Killinoor
30th. Octr. 1755.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The Committee approve of Mr. Perceval's deferring for the present the Execution of our Orders regarding Maulrauze for the Reasons mention'd in the foregoing Letter.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

Sent the following Letters to Captain Caillaud and Mr. Newton pursuant to this Day's Resolution and the President at the same time wrote the King of Tanjore the Letter enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 188.

To CAPTAIN JOHN CAILLAUD COMMANDING AT TRICHENOPOLY.

Sir

No. 14.

We have receiv'd your Letter dated the 21st. October. We are much concern'd to find the King of Tanjore so obstinately bent on the Attack of the Countries he disputes with Tondiman, the Consequence of which must inevitably be the renewal of the Troubles. The President has now wrote him positively that it must not be done, and that it will be more adviseable for him to consent to your Proposals 'till the Right can be determin'd, or an Alteration of Affairs give us an Opportunity of shewing him the favour we would always be willing to do.

We have inclos'd the King's Letter (of which herewith is a Copy) to Mr. Newton and desir'd him to go back to Tanjore to deliver it and explain to the King more particularly how impossible it is for us at this Time either to assist him in attacking Tondiman or to see him do it without opposing him. We desire you will also give Mr. Newton such Instructions as you think may be useful.

If by your Conversation with Tondiman you should get any new Lights by which you can discover a Possibility of settling the Affair amicably by Tondiman's consenting to give up a Part and the King agreeing not to ask more, or by any other means, it will be very pleasing to us and We leave it to your Discretion. But if after all your Endeavours the King should still insist on the whole and send his Troops, we would not have you commence Hostilities against him, but wait for further Orders; and if in the mean time the French Commandant at Syringham should summon you to join him against the King of Tanjore, you may give him for answer that you have acquainted us with the Affair and that you are expecting our Orders on the Subject. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
3d. Novr. 1755.

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[3D.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*——

To MR. ANDREW NEWTON.

Sir

I have receiv'd your Letter of the 22d. Octor., and now inclose you one for the King of Tanjore which I would have you deliver yourself. The Translation will acquaint you with our Resolution on the Subject of the Dispute between him and Tondiman which We do not see any other method of settling amicably except the last propos'd by Captain Caillaud.

You will represent to the King that it is impossible for us to avoid acting against him if he begins Hostilities; on the contrary if he will consent to leave the Countries in our Hands untill the Right can be determin'd, an Opportunity may offer of shewing him the Favor which we would always be glad to do when Circumstances will admit of it.

You will consult with Captain Caillaud before you set out, and receive such Instructions as he may think proper to give you. It will be necessary for you to remain at Tanjore untill this Affair is ended.

I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
3d. November 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

TUESDAY THE 4TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR.	PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR WYNCH
...	ROBERT PALK.

MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

Just now receiv'd the following Letter from Richard Starke Esqr.

TO THE HOÑBLE THE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR AND THE GENTLEMEN FOR CONDUCTING COUNTRY AFFAIRS.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have this Instant receiv'd Advice that a Detachment consisting of 200 Soldiers and 150 Sepoys with two Field Pieces set out this Day from Pondicherry and are arriv'd at Rangapillah's Choultry with a Design (as they say) to go to Maderantegum. I am with Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Fort St. David
1st Novr. 1755.

RICHARD STARKE.

At the same time came in the following Letters from William Perceval Esqr.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
&cA. GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 31st. Ultimo came to Hand Yesterday Morning.

The Time granted to Nattamul Lollah being expir'd, We attended on the Nabob by his Desire Yesterday at 4 ôClock. He acquainted us he had settled with Nattamul much more to his Satisfaction than he could have expected which with many Compliments upon the Occasion he imputed to our Presence & an English

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Army. The Agreement is for 125,000 Rupees for the Circar & 15,000 for the Durbar; in all 140,000: He ask'd me if he should keep the Durbar Money, I only said he knew his Agreement with the Company; well then says he, we will keep all, 70,000 for the Company & the same for me; I will promise the Durbar People something another Time. Abdul Vahab Cawn & others coming in, he sent for Nattamul Lollah, who after some Conversation, in the Presence of the whole Durbar, deliver'd the Nabob two Papers or Agreements One for One Hundred & twenty five thousand Rupees (125,000) the other for fifteen thousand (15,000) The Nabob read them to us and ask'd if he had got Bills of the Merchants for these Sums; Nattamul requested two or three Days to do it, the Nabob desir'd he would be expeditious, for We had staid here thus long out of Complaisance to him. We shall continue here two or three Days to finish this Affair; indeed We have had so much Rain for six Days past, & the Roads are so bad, that We cannot march far 'till We have fair Weather. The Nabob proposes going next against Bommarauze by way of Trevatore & Trepasore. When I mention'd to the Nabob you hoped he would take care of our People, he shew'd me he had taken Care of the Guard attending him by placing a Tent for them within his own Walls, & would pay a due Regard to what you recommend to him.

From this Happy beginning I hope We shall be able to collect enough at least if not more than will answer the Expence of the Expedition, which I shall most carefully attend to; and am with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Killinoor
3d. Novr. 1755.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

Hoñble Sir

In my Letter to the Committee I have acquainted you with the Nabob's Success with Nattamul Vakeel from Bungarasum Naigue.

The Nabob told me with much Joy he was now Governour of Arcot, having taken all that Country into his own Hands from Abdul Vahab Cawn; and that Murtaz Ally Cawn had sent a Man from Vellore with an Offer of one Lack of Pagodas upon certain Terms & ask'd me whether he shall take it or not; Abdul Vahab Cawn came in upon us, that We could not talk on that Subject; I believe he will write to you about it. You will be best able to Judge whether he shall take that Sum or go against his Fort, which will require a large Force, will take up much Time, cannot be undertaken till after the Monsoon & will be attended with a great Expence which expence will fall chiefly on You. Abdul Vahab Cawn went for Arcot last Night, it is said not greatly satisfied, thô I hear he has the Promise of Chittoor Fort & its Dependencies & some thing in the Nellore Country. The Nabob told me how the Durbar 15,000 Rupees were to have been dispos'd of; Five thousand to Abdul Vahab Cawn five to Sumpetrow, 2,500 to Sumpetrow's Brother & the Remainder to the other Servants of the Durbar. Conna Fringy it is said has left this Province & gone into the Pattan Country.

The Nabob ask'd me Yesterday again for a Snuff Box, I could only say I had wrote for one & hope you will be so kind to supply me.

I am with much Truth and Esteem Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Killinoor
3d. Novr. 1755 Noon.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

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[4TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*——

Agreed that immediate Notice be given to the Commissaries of the March of the French Party mention'd in Mr. Starke's above Letter, and as from the Contents of Mr. Perceval's Letters there is Reason to hope the Nabob will settle his Affairs with the Polligars to advantage if our Troops are not oblig'd to leave him, we would avoid if possible the commencing of Hostilities in the contested Districts, to which end it is Agreed to send Directions to our Commissaries to endeavour by all means to settle their Disputes with the French Commissaries amicably, and to acquaint us more particularly with the Source of them, contenting themselves with protesting against the French Gentlemen, if they proceed to any Acts of Violence in the mean time.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 12TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
... — ROBERT PALK.

MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

Letter from Richard Starke Esqr. to the President dated the 6th. Instant Read, advising that the Party from Pondicherry mention'd in his Letter of the 1st. was intended only to relieve the Garrisons of Waldour Villenour and Allumparva.

Receiv'd the following Letters from Major James Killpatrick & William Perceval Esqr.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Honour to Receive your Letters of the 27th. & 30th. of October, and will punctually observe your Orders in regard to the French should I find any of them in my way. Maul Rauze is yet in Camp under my Protection which I promis'd him upon the Nabob's representing to me that it would be a Means of breaking a Knot of the Polligars who were join'd together to oppose us, but that Maul Rauze was inclinable to leave them and join him but was afraid of the English. Should be take his Leave of the Nabob and afterwards come in my way you may depend upon my making him a Prisoner. I shall follow your Directions regarding the Sick Men; I sent you three Yesterday from Trepasore, the rest that were left there Sick as the Doctor informs me will be able to join the Camp in a few Days. With regard to the Nabob's Affairs here I must beg leave at present to refer you to Mr. Perceval's Letter for Information. You may depend upon my Care of your People & every thing else that I have the Honour to be entrusted with. The Nabob inform'd us Yesterday that Conna Fringy with his Party were retir'd from Amboor Fort. Enclos'd are the usual Returns of the Camp with the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held on the Sepoys as you desir'd, and another [Pro]ceedings which Captain Maskelyne forwarded to me from [Arcot.] We want fifty private Tents and

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——*FORT S^T. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*—— [1755]

nine Officers' Tents in[cluding] the Six Officers Tents already indented for, to cover the wh[ole Army.] I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servant

Camp at Killenoor
3^d. Nov^r. 1755. JAMES KILPATRICK.

We have already sufficient of private Tents in Camp for our Military & Train.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.

Honble Sir

I have lately had two visits from Maulrauze by the Na[bob's] Permission to him, the first only complimentary; This Morning [he] told me he was very much concern'd for the Accident that happe[n'd] some time ago which he was no ways concern'd in, being at that Time absent, that he was always a good Friend to the English; pleaded his long and faithful Services at Fort S^t. David to the Company and the Nabob, & hop'd the Governour & Gentlemen at Madrass would always look upon him as a good and faithfull Servant, and a great deal to that Purpose, I was ob[lig'd] to give him an hearing, that he might have no Suspicion [of us,] gave him no Encuragement, but hop'd now he was with the Nabob he would prove a good Servant to him, & dismiss'd h[im.] The Nabob I believe has no great good Opinion of him, but thinks he may be useful to him at present.

It is now noon & I have heard nothing from [the] Nabob in Relation to the Bills or our marching from [hence] Vencatachilum being with me, I now send him to the [Nabob] and desire I may have his Answer before Night that [I may] advise you, for you would not be pleas'd at our staying here so long, doing nothing.

Camp at Killenoor
4^th. Nov^r. 1755.

Honble Sir

I did not receive the Nabob's Answer 'till late last Night, which I now enclose you, I sent again this Morning, and have the same Answer; I believe the Nabob does not chuse to move without the Bills any more than I do. They plead the heavy Rains in excuse for this delay; We have had two very fine Nights, but Rain came on in the Day, & now seems to be again set in. The People are as yet all very well, but if frequently wet I fear will not long continue so; I shall not be wanting in my Endeavours to hasten our march. I last Night receiv'd twenty five thousand Rupees and two Thousand Pagodas which M^r. Maunsell writes me will be sufficient for this Month. The Weather has been so bad we have not been able to muster the People, but shall take the first good Opportunity to do it. I am very truely Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Killenoor
5^th Nov^r. 1755. WILLIAM PEROEVAL.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. PRESIDENT & GOV^R.
&C^A. GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I now enclose you a General Muster of all the Military, Sepoys and Attendants of the Army that are paid by the Company with a List of Cattle; most of the Draught Bullocks, if not all, belong to the Company, most of the Carriages I am told are hir'd,

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Mr. Maunsell will tell you how many of each are the Company's; most of the Draught Bullocks are in very good Order, but some of the Company's Carriage Bullocks so old and weak that I have order'd ten of the worst of them to be sold and others hir'd or purchas'd in their Stead; Please to let me know if I shall purchase and keep all the Bullocks on the Company's Account as was once propos'd. The great Number of Tents & Baggage make it necessary to keep so large a Number of Bullocks & Cooleys.

I am in great want of an Assistant to write for me, and beg you will be so indulgent to supply me with one. I am with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Killenoor
7th. Novr. 1755. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

TO THE HOBÑLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

Hoñble Sir

The Nabob acquainted me Yesterday that Bommarauze's Vakeel was at Trevatore & waited for a good Day or Hour to come to him. He has receiv'd Letters from his Vakeel at Golcondah, that Mr. Law with three Hundred Men was arriv'd there, that five hundred more were expected & Salabad Jing was very ill. He shewed me a Letter he had receiv'd from You advising Him to consult with me in regard to Murtaz Ally Cawn's Offer, that he had consider'd his Proposal & read me what Terms he would grant Murtaz Ally Cawn & likewise the Terms he expected from him, that he would send me these Papers translated that I might consider of them; Murtaz Ally Cawn is to pay one Lack of Pagodas part of them upon signing these Agreements, the Remainder at a certain Time to be limited; Indeed I do not see any Prospect of Success in going against Vellore at present, I told the Nabob I thought he had better take this Money, for We should be always near at hand & ready to keep Murtaz Ally Cawn in Subjection; he seems to be of my way of thinking, and says, One Lack of Pagodas is more than he ever paid to any one before. The Nabob of Cuddapah & others have join'd in a defensive Alliance against Salabad Jing & solicit our Nabob to join them, which he thinks he must do, as these may be troublesome Neighbours, and the other is at a great Distance. He hears the French have sent two Hundred Men into the contested Villages near Chinglepet, but supposes you will have Notice of that and provide accordingly. Nattamull's Agent with the Soroffs are coming from Madrass to settle the Affair of the Bills, I heartily wish this was ended that We might move from hence. I press'd him much in regard to Comar Naigue; Samepetross Lollah being much afflicted with the Gout, set out for Madrass last Night.

You have not been pleas'd to take any Notice of the Request I made you for an Assistant to write for me, I should not repeat it if I did not find it absolutely necessary.

I am with much Truth Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient hble Servant

Camp at Killenoor
10th. Novemr. 1755. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

The Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held on the Sepoys who misbehav'd when they were on Command with Lieut. Gurtler against Maulrauze, being likewise read and the Subadar Narazul Naigue appearing to have acted the least like an Officer on that Occasion, it is Agreed to direct Major Killpatrick to have him tried according to their own Forms, and to write Mr. Perceval in Answer to his foregoing Letters That if he should meet with any good Bullocks he may purchase as many as are wanted and keep them on the Company's Account. That as the General Court Martial appointed on Colonel Heron is nearly at an end, Mr. Maunsell will soon return to assist him in his writing business. And that We wou'd have the Nabob encourage the Nabob of Cuddapah &c. in the League mention'd in Mr. Perceval's

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Last Letter, writing them in answer to their Invitation, that as the present Truce is soon to expire he keeps himself in a Condition to defend his Countries, and will be ready to assist them to the utmost of his Power. This League the Committee judge may be of Service if the Troubles should recommence, and on the other Hand if a Peace should be made, it can be attended with no bad Consequences.

With regard to the Offers of Murtaz Ally Cawn Killedar of Veloor the Committee are of Opinion that it will be much better for the Nabob to receive the Sum mention'd in Mr. Perceval's last Letter (100,000 Pagodas) than to proceed to Hostilities against the Fort of Velloor, which would be a very expensive Expedition; but it is Agreed to write the Nabob and Mr. Perceval to send us a Copy of the propos'd Conditions before they are concluded, for there cannot be too much caution us'd in dealing with this Man, of whose Craft, there is now before us a fresh Instance in a Letter lately receiv'd from him, as enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 192 wherein he desires the President to confirm a former Agreement made between him and the Nabob's Brother Abdul Vahab Cawn and ratified (as he says) by Mr. Saunders's Letter of the 1st. of October 1754 of which he incloses a Copy. In this Letter Mr. Saunders does indeed promise to abide by and maintain the Agreement of Seven Articles made between Abdul Vahab Cawn and Murtaz Ally Cawn — which Articles as enter'd in the Book of Country Correspondence for the Year 1754 after Abdul Vahab Cawn's Letter No. 155 are as follow.

Art. 1.

"I shall not dispossess the Forts and Jagueers which you and your Brother as "also the Mensebdars &c. belonging to you had in the Time of my deceas'd Father. "As the Fort of Chettoor belongs to you it shall be restor'd to you as soon as the "Troubles are over together with the conditional Jageer on Account of Ahasam (or "the Military) I have great hopes of Benefit in you, for which Reason I don't value "the Customary Taxes which I shall not demand of you either at present or in "future, as to the Phousdars fees, nobody shall molest you.

2d.

"You demand a Jagueer to be given you in lieu of what you have at a Distance; "about this (after the Troubles are over) I shall dismiss a certain Person and then "will grant your Desire, at present I shall give Orders to clear your Jagueer which "is under the Seizure of the Circar's Amuldars.

3d.

"You desire that Agaram and Tootepet be given in your Jagueer; By the Blessing of God, as soon as the Union is settled between us I shall send for the Nabob's "Grant to that End.

4th.

"Should any one molest you I shall assist you on all Accounts against him. "You may believe me to be your sincere Ally.

5th.

"I shall procure & send you Letters of Indulgence from the Governor of Madrass "and the Nabob Anaverde Cawn Bahader.

6th.

"You requested me to confer the Employment of the Patcha Buckshey and to "grant a Jagueer to Ally Doast Cawn, Son to Subder Ally Cawn deceas'd. As the "Nabob reserves a favor for the said Doast Ally Cawn (after the War and Troubles "are over) it shall be granted, together with a proper Jagueer.

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"You requested me also to grant Maselmely, Checarapore & Cocanore as a "Jagueer to Zayanilabadeen Cawn; As I must preserve your good will above all "other Affairs I grant it to you."

But Murtaz Ally Cawn upon the Strength of the above has form'd to himself other Indulgences and lately sent Captain Maskelyne, who transmitted them to the President, the following seven Articles, as a Copy of the Agreement he pretends to have been made with him by Abdul Vahab Cawn and confirm'd by Mr. Saunders.

1st. "That Murtaz Ally Cawn be releas'd from paying Tribute to the Morattas.

2d. "That he be releas'd from paying Tribute to Salabad Jung.

3d. "That he be releas'd from paying Tribute to the Nabob.

4th. "That all the Carangoly Villages and others which belong'd formerly to "the Jagueer of Veloor be given up to him.

5th. "That the Sumets of Agaram and Tootepet which produce 60,000 Rupees "℔ Annum be given up to him by the Circar.

6th. "That the said two Sumets be confirm'd to him by Salabad Jung.

7th. "That he be releas'd from furnishing any Troops or Assistance to the "Nabob."

The Difference between the two foregoing Agreements is very evident and is a Proof of Murtaz Ally Cawn's ill faith. As to Abdul Vahab Cawn, it is certain that he has receiv'd Sums of Money from Murtaz Ally since the Conclusion of the Agreement. The Nabob declar'd to us that he very much disapprov'd of his Brother Abdul Vahab Cawn's Conduct on this Occasion, and that he neither did nor would give his Sanction to the Agreement as he thought it out of his Power as well as quite unreasonable to free Murtaz Ally Cawn who never did him any Service, from the Tribute due to the Circar.

The Nabob when on this Subject acquainted us further that Abdul Vahab Cawn never gave him any Account of the Money he receiv'd from Murtaz Ally, and that he left all the Troops maintain'd in this Province in Arrears although the whole Revenues came into his hands, that these Troops now pressing him (the Nabob) for their Pay was a Chief Reason why he could only assign Eight Lack of Rupees to the Company out of the present Years Revenues.

Upon all the foregoing Considerations the Committee cannot but be of Opinion that the Agreement made by Abdul Vahab Cawn & Murtaz Ally Cawn was a private Contrivance between them solely for their own Benefit & although Mr. Saunders at the recommendation of Abdul Vahab Cawn did write Murtaz Ally Cawn the Letter of 1st. Octor. 1754, yet that Engagement of Mr. Saunders could only depend on the Nabob's Approval and Confirmation of the Agreement, which he never did nor will grant. The Committee do therefore esteem Murtaz Ally Cawn to be tributary in the usual manner to the Nabob and do resolve not to be concern'd in any former Agreement. But the President is desir'd to write him in general Terms, that he is much rejoic'd to hear his Friendship with the Nabob is on the point of encreasing; that he may be assur'd of our Assistance as long as he continues in his Obedience & therefore there is no Occasion for any Articles of Agreement between us.

The Commissaries for Affairs of the Contested Districts having lately transmitted ten Papers with their Letter of the 3d. Instant (as enter'd in the Book of their Proceedings from No. 107 to No. 118) which Letter and Papers prove that they were under an absolute Necessity of taking the Resolution to seize Ramyah &ca. for their insolent Behaviour, and that the french Commissaries have at different Times committed many Acts of Violence against the Inhabitants and particularly one, forbidding under pain of Death any of them to speak to our Commissaries. It is therefore Agreed that Copies of those Papers be sent to Mr. De Leyrit with a Letter in full Reply to his Complaint of the 23d. October last on the Subject of the Seizure of the People beforemention'd.

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Agreed also that the Commissaries be directed to release those People as soon as they appear to be sensible of their Error and promise to behave better in future.

The Secretary representing to the Committee that he has occasion for another Assistant in the Office Agreed that Application be made to the President and Council for another Company's Servant, and that Mr. William Aldersey, one of the present Assistants, be Sub-Secretary.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
Ar. WYNCH.
Robt. PALK.

Sent a Letter from the President to Duval De Leyrit Esqr. as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 75; also the following Letters to William Perceval Esqr. and Major James Kilpatrick pursuant to the Resolutions of this Day.

To WILLIAM PERCEVAL Esqr.

Sir

Since writing you the 31st. October we have receiv'd your Letters of the 30th. Octor. 3d. & 7th. Novr. and the President has laid before us your Letters to him of the 3d. 4th. 5th. & 10th. November.

We shall be glad to hear the Nabob has got the Bills from Bangar Yachem Naigue that the Troops may move to some Place where they can be better shelter'd than in their present Situation.

The President lately receiv'd a Letter from Murtaz Ally Cawn, desiring him to confirm the Agreement made between him and Abdul Vahab Cawn, in Answer to which the President has wrote him that he is glad to hear the Friendship between him and the Nabob is likely to increase shortly, & that as long as this Friendship subsists We shall be ready to do him any Service. We are of Opinion with you that the Money he offers should be secur'd, but upon such Terms as may not subject us to future Trouble, for which Reason we have desir'd the Nabob to send us a Copy of the propos'd Agreement before he signs to it. We desire you will repeat this Caution.

We had Intelligence of a Party of two Hundred Men coming out from Pondicherry, but We have since heard that they were only to relieve the Garrisons of Allumparva, Waldoor and Villenoor.

If you should have an Offer of any good Bullocks, you may purchase as many as are wanted and keep them on the Company's Account.

As the Court Martial is near over Mr. Maunsell will return to you very shortly, and will we hope be a sufficient Assistance in your Writing Business.

We would have you advise the Nabob to encourage the Nabob of Cuddapah &ca. in the League you mention, and to write him in Answer to his Proposal in the following manner; That although he has for the Present enter'd into a Truce with the French and their Allies, yet that will expire shortly; that he therefore keeps himself in a Condition to Defend his Countries and will be ready and willing to join them upon any Occasion. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXr. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

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To MAJOR JAMES KILPATRICK.

Sir

Since writing you the 31st. Octor. We have receiv'd your Letter of the 3d. Novemr. We approve of the Resolution you took to suspend the Execution of our Orders concerning Maulrauze on the Representation made you by the Nabob in his favour. The Subadar Narazul Naigue seems to have behav'd the least like an Officer when on Command with Mr. Gurtler, You will please therefore to have him try'd in the manner usual among the Sepoys.

Mr. Starke advis'd us of a Party moving from Pondicherry the 1st. Instant but has since inform'd us that they were only intended to relieve the Garrisons of Waldoor Villenoor and Allumparva.

You will please to try Corporal Patton by a Regimental Court martial, and punish or acquit him accordingly. We send you the Proceedings of both Courts of Enquiry and are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants GEO PIGOT—S. LAWRENCE—HENY. POWNEY—ROBT. ORME—AR. WYNCH—ROBT. PALK.

Fort St. George
12th Novr. 1755.

[14TH.] Receiv'd a Letter from the Commissaries at Madarantegum as enter'd No. 119 enclosing their Remarks on Mr. De Leyrit's Memorial of 21st. October, and two Certificates one of which sign'd by two Inhabitants declares that they never sign'd the Paper to which their Names are put by Mr. De Leyrit, the other sign'd by Ramiah shews that he sign'd a Paper (which he supposes to be the same as is now produc'd by Mr. De Leyrit under the Title of Moutomaleareddy's Declaration) at Mr. DuRocher's House at Pondicherry without reading it, and that the other Witnesses whose Names are put to it were not present.

[16TH.] Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. De Leyrit to the President dated the 11th. Instant as enter'd in the French Correspondence No. 76.

[20TH.] Sent a Letter (No. 77) from the President to Mr. De Leyrit in answer to his of the 21st. Octor. last on the Subject of the contested Districts, inclosing a Memorial founded on the Remarks of our Commissaries, and the two Certificates above mention'd.

AT A COMMITTEE.

Present

FRIDAY THE 21ST. NOV.	GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.	GOVERNOR PRESIDENT
	STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY POWNEY
	ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYNCH
	...	ROBERT PALK.

MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

Mr. De Leyrit in his Letter No. 76 dated the 11th. Instant, now read, disowns any Knowledge of the irregular Proceedings of Conna fringy or the Bramin Vencatrow, concerning which, Complaint was made to us by the Nabob in Committee of 30th. October last, and in support of the threatening Objections he made in his Letter of the 21st. October against the Nabob's Right over the Polligars he only asks whether Mahomed Ally is Nabob of Arcot, whether he has Rights and is acknowledg'd.

The Committee do not think it material to the present Dispute to enter into a Discussion of the Nabob's Rights, it is sufficient that these Polligars acknowledg'd him and were Subject to him on the 11th. October 1754, the Day of the Publication of the Suspension, to which purport it is Agreed to write to Mr. De Leyrit in Answer to his Letter, & as he disowns Connafringy and Vencatrow they can be regarded no

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longer in any other Light, but that of publick Robbers, wherefore it is resolv'd to send Orders to Major Kilpatrick and Captain Maskelyne to seize the former if an Opportunity should Offer and to desire the Nabob to send some of his People to secure the latter.

Receiv'd the following Letters from William Perceval Esqr. and Major James Killpatrick.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. Presdt. & Govr. &ca. Gentlemen of the Committee.

Honible Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd your Favour of the 12th. Instant, and communicated to the Nabob what you write me relating to his Agreements with Murtaz Ally Cawn and the Nabob of Cuddapah ; He will send you Copies of the Agreement with the former before he signs them, He does not chuse to close with him till he moves nearer to him, I fear there will be more Difficulties in this Affair than we imagin'd. In regard to the Nabob of Cuddapah &cn. he has or will write much in the same manner you desire him.

Buckanjee Cashedoss's Man was at Camp Yesterday, and return'd to Madrass last Night, Bangar Yachem Naigue's People are gone with him to finish the Affair.

The Nabob is so well assur'd all is safe, that We were to have mov'd this Morning towards Bommarauze's Country had not the Rain prevented us. Every thing being in readiness, We shall take the first fair Opportunity.

One half of Yachem Naigue's Money is to be paid at forty five Days the other in Seventy. I am Honble Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Killenoor
16th. Novr. 1755.

Wm. Perceval.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

Honible Sir

It rain'd very hard all Sunday and Night, Monday Morning the Weather being a little favourable, the Nabob and the whole Army remov'd to this Place, where our People are under good Cover, and very well, as are most of those that were at Terpasore ; The Roads are so very bad indeed that should the Weather continue fair, We shall not be able to march for some Days.

The Nabob expects Yachem Naigue's Bills this Evening and says he will deliver them to me himself, Murtaz Ally Cawn and Bommarauze's People are here, but no Business transacted yet, possibly none will, till we move towards their Countries.

I imagin'd when I sent you the Muster Rolls of the Military and Sepoys, you would have made some Regulations, Major Kilpatrick thinks you intend only Eight Serjeants and Corporals and three Drums to each Company. You will observe where there are more, if you approve, they shall be regulated accordingly ; also among the Sepoys to be four Jemmidars, Ten Havildars and Ten Naigues, each Company ; We have got here good Men to compleat their Number, (Officers included) to fifteen Hundred. I am with much Truth and Esteem Honible Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp at Trivetoor
18th. Novr 1755.

William Perceval.

P.S. Some of our Draught & Carriage Bullocks died on Sunday Night, for want of Shelter, by the inclemency of the Weather, I am told they had been long in the Service ; some of the Nabobs Horse died also.

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To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r.
&c^a. Gentlemen of the Committee.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

It is with great Pleasure I now enclose you the two accompanying Bills on Buckanjee Cashedoss.

One for thirty five Thousand Rupees (35,000) payable the 4^th. January next.

One for thirty five Thousand Rupees (35,000) payable the 3^d. February following: which Seventy Thousand Rupees are the Company's half of what the Nabob Annaverde Cawn Bahader receiv'd from Bangar Yachem Naigue, for which I have given the Nabob a Receipt, you will please to advise me of your receiving them and of their Acceptance as soon as possible.

We are now setting out on our march for Bommarauze's Country, from whence I hope I shall send you as agreeable and Satisfactory an Account as I have from this Place.

I chose to send this by Lieutenant Samson rather than trust it by an Hircar. I am Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Trivetore
the 20^th. Nov^r 1755.

William Perceval.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r.
President and Gentlemen of the Commitee.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honour to receive your Letter of the 12^th. Instant and agreeable to your desire have had Narozel Naigue tried by a Court Martial compos'd of the Sepoy Officers the result of which was that he should be dismiss'd the Service for behaving unlike an Officer, which I immediately put in Execution at the Head of His Company. The Nabob inform'd me on the Evening of the 15^th. Instant, that he had settled his Affairs in these Parts the Particulars of which M^r. Perceval has wrote you, but a heavy Rain coming on that Night which continued all the next Day prevented me from moving 'till the 17^th. Our Troops and Ammunition now very well secur'd should the Weather again prove unfavourable whilst we remain here. I have the Hon^r. to remain with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

Trivatore
the 19^th. Nov^r. 1755.

James Kilpatrick.

The two Bills on Buckanjee Cashedoss enclos'd in M^r. Perceval's Letter of the 20^th. Novem^r. for thirty five thousand Rupees each, one payable the 4^th. January next, the other the 3^d. February having been tender'd and accepted, They are now lodg'd with the Commissary that he may demand the Money when it becomes due.

The Regulations of Military and Sepoys propos'd in M^r. Perceval's Letter of 18^th. Novem^r. being taken into Consideration it is Agreed that there be Eight Serjeants & Eight Corporals (including those appointed to command the Sepoys) to each Company, and three Drummers— That all Supernumerary Drummers be immediately discharg'd the Service; The Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals to be continued in their Rank, but no new ones to be made untill they are all incorporated into the Companies— That the Sepoy Companies consist each, of one Subadar, Four Jemmidars, Eight Havildars, Eight Naigues, Eighty four Sepoys, Two Colourmen, Two Tomtoms (or Drums) One Trumpet and One Conicoply— That no new Sepoys be rais'd, but those that are now in the Service levell'd to the Establishment as soon as conveniently can be.

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Agreed that Mr. Perceval and Major Kilpatrick be advis'd of the above Regulations and that they be directed to Send in Bullocks or Cooleys for the Carriage of the Stores they may hereafter indent for, as it is found very difficult here to procure Conveyances for them.

The following Letter from Captain Caillaud Read with Translation of the King of Tanjore's Answer to his Letter to him which is enter'd on Committee of the 3d. Instant.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. &CA.
GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AT MADRASS.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ft. St. G.

I have been honour'd with your several Favours No. 11 12 & 13 dated the 10th. 13th. & 19th. of October.

I shall make use of the best Methods I can for selling out the old Grain to advantage; for which purpose I have sent for some Tanjore Merchants, to agree with me and to take it off my Hands; which they will be able to do at a better Price than I can get any where else on Account of the dearness of Grain in that Country. The Paddy which is gather'd now not being of the best kind, and apt to spoil soon, as it is cut in a moist Season; I believe it may be for the best (if you think proper Gentlemen) to lay in the greatest part of the Quota which the Nabob is to pay, in the Month of January: That Harvest produces the best sort of Grain call'd the Samboo Paddy, fittest to keep and that always Yields a good Price.

I now send down Gentlemen such a Form of Pay Rolls for the Sepoys, as will best I hope answer your Purposes and Intentions. I must take the Liberty to observe to you Gentlemen, that it is impossible (unless the Sepoys were paid daily) to stop the Pay on the very Day a Man may die. They are paid twice a Month; the first, and fifteenth. Those that die or desert in the beginning of the Month, their Pay may be stopp'd at the Second Payment: and by inserting also those who may die or desert in the Second half of the Month, you will be able to know the effective Number, and that no more are paid the ensuing Month. The Form of a Roll with the Sepoys Names which you have desir'd me Gentlemen to keep, is what I have always practis'd and they are call'd over twice in the Month by the Adjutant; Besides which I every now and then take a Muster myself. The Form prescrib'd for Deaths and Desertions in the Military has always been observ'd as you desire.

Out of the Monthly Revenues arising from the Customs and Duties, in and about the Buzar, I thought Gentlemen according to the Hints you were pleas'd to honor me with in your Favor of the 9th. of August I might lay the whole Account of Repairs and Charges General, except some few Articles upon the Nabob I acquainted the Killedar with it, who was satisfied and said he would inform the Nabob, and that he would pay me my Bills as I presented them monthly: depending on which I struck off those Charges in my Accounts both for August and September. The Killedar made some Excuse of not having Money for the first Month; but desir'd me to go on, and he would pay me altogether the next. But the Second Time when I press'd him for Payment he refus'd me untill he said he had Orders from the Nabob. As I thought my Design was approv'd of by your Silence on that head Gentlemen, and that the Nabob or the Killedar were imposing on me by not sending such Orders; I told the Killedar if he would not secure to me the Payment of what I had advanc'd, and for what in future might be the Charge of each Month that I would make the Cuttwall pay me the Money arising from the Buzar Duties &cA.; upon the Killedars refusing me I took that Step. I did not Gentlemen intend to keep it in my Hands any longer than untill what I had advanc'd was paid, and Security given for the Monthly Expences. I have since then receiv'd your Orders what is to be paid here. But I should be glad to know whether that extends to the

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two Months past and whether I must transmit again other Accounts for them in the form you now desire, or let them pass as they are, only to send You Copies of the Accounts as I have deliver'd them in ; that you may judge of them.

The Nabob has not even yet sent Orders to his Killedar to pay the Repairs of the Fort Monthly, which you have acquainted me Gentlemen is your Agreement with him. nor that the Sum advanc'd already upon that Account, with the other Charges (which I by mistake included) should be paid ; I beg also to be inform'd if I may continue to keep the Buzar, untill such an Order comes. I do not pretend Gentlemen as I have said before to keep the whole, because the Men will not pay a part, but only to be reimburs'd what already I have advanced & Security given for what you desire should now be charg'd Monthly. A Line from you Gentlemen to the Nabob will I dare say make him send the Order.

I am at a Loss Gentlemen to guess from whence your Caution arises, of my People not to interfere in Country Disputes ; If they have done so, it is without my Knowledge ; and if you have been acquainted with any Particulars, were they communicated to me I would endeavour to put a Stop to it. But I am entirely ignorant of any such Transactions ; and I flatter myself with the Hopes that you have a better Opinion of me Gentlemen, than to think that I have or any body by my participation, has interfered more in them, than was agreeable to the Orders and Directions I have every now and then been honor'd with from you on that head.

Thô I wrote to Mauphoos Cawn immediately as you desir'd, and sent a Man on purpose in quality of a Vakeel to enquire into the Particulars of what you are desirous of being informd ; I have yet receiv'd no Answer. The Incursion of Moodemia only extended to some of the frontier Villages in the Tinnevelly Country where they surpriz'd a Party of Sepoys and some Horse ; unluckily the Sepoys were some of ours left there ; Two Subadars were kill'd and the rest dispers'd ; after which Moudemia retir'd again. And all the Accounts I hear of Mauphoos Cawn are that he is still before the Pullitavre who I am also told offers to treat, but on such Conditions as Mauphoos Cawn will not hear of.

I have once more tried the Securities, taken off their Irons and given them their first Liberty. A Fortnight is the Time in which they promise to have the Money paid. They still insist that they are only Securities for the first Payment. It were to be wish'd even that were paid, and then I shall wait your Orders.

Inclos'd I send the Answer which the King of Tanjore has made to my Letter. I chose rather to trouble you Gentlemen with the Original, as your Interpreters will be better able than any I have, to give you an exact Translation in English. Neither Tondiman or his Brother are come to meet me as they promis'd thô I have wrote them pressing Letters on the Subject. I remain with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs your faithfull & most Obed$^{t.}$ Servant

Trichenopoly
1$^{st.}$ Nov$^{r.}$ 1755. JOHN CAILLAUD.

P.S. Since writing the above I thought it would be more regular and more agreeable to your Intentions Gentlemen, to deduct out of the Nabob's Account the Articles of Charges General for the two Months of August and September and add them to my Accounts of this Month. I have sent the Particulars besides in seperate Accounts ; and also Copies of the Accounts for Repairs, as I have presented them to the Killedar, who as yet says he has no Orders from the Nabob to pay them ; and for which I receive the Duties arising out of the Buzar Customs &c$^{a.}$

Copy of the Letter from the King of Tanjore to Captain Caillaud.

I receiv'd your Letter and observe the Contents. You was pleas'd to say that the Country in the Possession of Tondiman shall be mine according as I told you, and that on your meeting him I should obtain what is my own in a reasonable

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manner, but that it would take up some time to consider about it and you added that the Governor's Letter is coming which I shall find to my Satisfaction, and that I should esteem the English as my own in every Respect, all which gave me great Joy. Let me inform you that I sincerely depend upon the Governor, to whom I wrote about the restoration of my Forts, and the Country which Tondiman had possess'd himself of, and his Honor was pleas'd to write me accordingly about it, and when you were here you was pleas'd also to promise me about the same, saying that there was no Occasion for War, and that you'll get the Forts & the Country restor'd from Tondiman in an amicable manner: As I thought it better to hear you I did not venture to fight Tondiman to this Day. I continued to hearken to you, but Tondiman trifled with your Words. I told you that I shall have Patience 'till the Feast of Deapavelly (which will end the 2ᵈ. November) after which I shall act against Tondiman; but in the interim should you get them restor'd in an amicable manner I shall decline acting against them. We demand our own Forts and the Country, Thô you and the Governor are sensible of the same yet you delay it; I am not to be blam'd; I recommend these Things to your Notice. Write to me always of your Health. What can I say more?

The store of Provisions in the Garrison of Trichenopoly being an Article of particular Consequence, the Committee are of Opinion that no Risque should be run of falling short and do therefore Agree to recommend it to Captain Caillaud unless he is quite certain of a full supply in January, to lay in such a Quantity as will secure him from want; If the January Crop should afterwards prove plentiful he may sell out what he now lays up and store the Garrison with the Sort of Grain called Samboo, which is Ripe at that Time and is reputed much better for keeping.

The Committee entirely approve of Captain Caillaud's taking the Buzar Duties out of the Hands of the Nabob's People, for they think but reasonable the Expences of the Fort should be paid out of the Revenues, and it is therefore Agreed to direct Captain Caillaud to keep so much of the Buzar Duties as will reimburse what he has advanc'd for the Repairs and Charges General of the Fort, and to continue to collect sufficient to defray those Charges for the future, unless the Nabob shall settle some other Method of supplying Money for those Purposes.

And it is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud in answer to the other Parts of his Letter, That in order to obviate the Difficulty he mentions in stopping the Sepoys Pay on the very Day of their Death or Desertion on account of it's being advanc'd, he may follow the Method practic'd in Camp, and wherever Batta is receiv'd; Viz$^{t.}$ to pay them on the 15$^{th.}$ what is due for the first half of the Month; and what is due for the last half, on the 1$^{st.}$ of the next Month— That the form of his Abstracts is very regular and approv'd, and his mustering the Sepoys himself as often as he conveniently can, very proper— That the Orders not to interfere in Country Affairs, were sent to all Garrisons at the Nabob's Request, and not in consequence of any Information or Suspicion of his having so done.— That We have nothing to add to what we wrote him the 3ᵈ Instant on the Subject of the difference between the King of Tanjore and Tondiman, and that We depend on his Care to get the Money due from Mauphoos Cawn and the Polligar's Securities as soon as possible.

Letter from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N$^{o.}$ 200, Read, advising that he has permitted Abdul Vahab Cawn to finish the Agreement with Murtaz Ally Cawn.

The Committee reflecting on what has already past between Abdul Vahab Cawn and Murtaz Ally Cawn, of which Transaction there is a Detail in the Minutes of last Committee, cannot but esteem him (Abdul Vahab Cawn) to be a very improper Person to be trusted with the Nabob's Concerns with Murtaz Ally Cawn, and it is Agreed to write again to the Nabob to settle that Business himself and send us Copies of the Agreements before he concludes them.

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Letter from Captain Maskelyne Read advising that Abdul Vahab Cawn having rented Nelloor and other Countries from the Nabob was preparing to set out thither and desirous of taking with him some Hammer'd Shott lying in Arcot Fort, which were made long ago out of an old Malabar Gun—Agreed that the Shott be deliver'd to Abdul Vahab Cawn, as they never belong'd to the Company.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R. WYNCH.
ROB^T. PALK.

Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to M^r. De Leyrit as enter'd in the French Correspondence N^o. 78.

Also the following Letters to William Perceval Esq^r. and Major James Kilpatrick, pursuant to this Day's Resolutions.

To WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^R.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 20^th. Novem^r. & the Presid^t. has communicated to us your several to him of the 10^th. 16^th. & 18^th.

We are glad to see so good an end to your Business with Bangar Yachem Naigue. The two Bills of Buckanjee Casheedoss for thirty five thousand Rupees each, came safe, and are accepted.

By the regulated Establishment of the Military there are to be Eight Serjeants, Eight Corporals and three Drummers to each Company. The Supernumerary Serjeants & Corporals you have with You may be continued, but no Vacancies are to be fill'd up, till the whole is reduc'd to the above Regulation. As to the Drummers we would have them reduc'd immediately to the Establishment.

And the Establishment of our Sepoys in each Company to consist of

1 Subadar	2 Tomtoms
4 Jemmidars	1 Trumpet
8 Havildars	84 Sepoys and
8 Naigues	1 Conicoply.
2 Colourmen	

But it is not our Intention that you should raise any more Sepoys, we would only have you level those that are with you, to this Establishment in the next Month as nearly as you conveniently can.

We now send three Officers' Tents, with Markee's, and as We find a Difficulty in getting Bullocks & Cooleys to carry the Stores to Camp, we have desir'd Major Kilpatrick to send in a proper Number when he indents for any, as well as an Escort to return with them.

When the Batta of the Military was stopp'd at Arcot, an Advance of 2 Rupees a Man was made them for their immediate Subsistence which they were to repay out of their next Batta, but we have now desir'd Major Kilpatrick to acquaint them that We make them a Present of it for their Encouragement.

M^r. De Leyrit utterly disowns Conna fringy and all his Proceedings, we have therefore given Orders to Major Kilpatrick and Captain Maskelyne to take him if they should have an Opportunity.

We are sorry to find the Nabob has left it to Abdul Vahab Cawn to settle with Murtaz Ally, he is certainly a very improper Person to manage that Business, and We have wrote the Nabob so.

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We hope you will have the same good Success against Bommarauze as you have hitherto met with and are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

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To MAJOR JAMES KILPATRICK

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 19th. November, and are glad to find the Nabob's Affairs with Bangar Yachem Naigue are so well settled. We hope he will have as good Success with Bommerauze.

Mr. Perceval transmitted us the muster Rolls of the Military and Sepoys. The following is the Regulation we would have them fix'd on as soon as conveniently can be.

That to each Company of Military there be Eight Serjeants, Eight Corporals and three Drummers; you will please to reduce the Drummers immediately to the Establishment, but you may continue the Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals, observing only not to fill up any Vacancies that may happen untill they are brought down to the Regulation.

Each Company of Sepoys is to consist of

1 Subadar	2 Tomtoms
4 Jemmidars	1 Trumpet
8 Havildars	84 Sepoys &
8 Naigues	1 Conicoply.
2 Colourmen	

We would not have any more Sepoys rais'd, but level those You have as nearly as you conveniently can to the Establishment, in the next Month.

We find it difficult to get Conveyances for the Stores we send you and desire therefore that when you indent for any, you will send in a proper Number of Cooleys or Bullocks, with an Escort which shall return with them. Three Officers Tents with Markee's are now sent you.

Mr. De Leyrit having disown'd any Connection with Conna fringy, We desire you will endeavour to take him if he comes within reach of you and secure him immediately. We have sent the same Orders to Captain Maskelyne.

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—AR. WYNCH—ROBT. PALK.

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P.S. When the Batta of the Military was stopp'd at Arcot, an Advance of 2 Rupees a Man was given them for their immediate Subsistence, which they were to repay out of their next Batta; but as their Behaviour has been to our Satisfaction we are willing to give them an Encouragement, you will please therefore to acquaint them that We make them a present of that Advance.

Sent the following Letter to Captain John Caillaud, pursuant to the Resolutions of the 21st. Instant. 23D.

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To Captain John Caillaud.

No. 15. Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter N° 15 dated the 1st. of this Month with the King of Tanjore's Answer to your Letter which being translated We now send you a Copy. We have Nothing to add to what We wrote you on that subject the 3d. Instant, for We cannot think of any other Method of accommodating the Affair, and are assur'd at the same Time, that if there should be any, it will not escape your Attention.

We are oblig'd to you for your Care of the Grain and leave it to Your Management as you will be best able to judge what Dependence you can have on the January Crop; recommending it however to you as this is a Matter of the greatest Consequence, that unless you are very certain of the necessary Supply in January, to lay in such a Quantity now as will secure you from falling short, for if the Crop of Samboo Should afterwards prove more plentiful than you expected, you may supply Yourself fully with that, & sell out what you now lay up.

What We wrote concerning the Sepoys was chiefly intended to establish a Regulation for those Pay Rolls, in which before no Casualties us'd to be noted; and in order to obviate the Difficulty you mention in stopping their Pay on the very Day they die or desert, we recommend it to you to follow the Practice observ'd in Camp, and indeed wherever Batta is paid, that is, to pay them the first half of the Month on the 15th. and for the last half on the 1st. of the following Month. The form of your Abstracts is very regular and agreeable to us, and the taking a Muster yourself every now and then, as you see convenient, is so extremely proper, that We are well pleas'd you constantly practice it.

We very much approve of your stopping so much of the Buzar Duties as will defray the Disbursements you make on Account of the Nabob. We have wrote him that We shall continue to do so untill he can shew us some other Method of securing You from further Trouble on that Head. We find the Charges General are a much more considerable Part of the Expence than We intended to take on the Company, You will please therefore to put that also to the Nabob's Account, and pay yourself what you advanc'd as well for Charges General as Repairs for August, September & October, continuing to secure out of the Buzar Duties enough to satisfy both those Disbursements in future. We have no Alteration to recommend in the Modell of your Accounts, which are very clear and Satisfactory; An Abstract of the Sepoys with the Casualties annex'd will be sufficient.

For the more easy adjustment of your Accounts of Stores with the Company's Books here, we have order'd that a regular Invoice be sent you with every Supply, expressing also the Charges of Carriage; you will please therefore constantly to examine the stores that arrive with the Invoice; and give us a particular Information when there is any Difference, that your Receipts may perfectly answer to the Issues made.

You may send us one Month's Account Particulars of the Buzar Duties, as usually collected by the Nabob as We should be glad to see in what manner they are levied.

It was not from any Information or Suspicion of your interfering in the Country Disputes, that We wrote to you on that Head, but the Nabob having frequently desir'd that a General Order of that Nature, might be establish'd, as a Standing Regulation, in all our Garrisons, It was sent to yours among the rest.

We depend on your Care to get the Money from Mauphoos Cawn and the Polligars Securities as soon as possible and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot—Stringer Lawrence—Henry Powney—Robert Orme—Alexr. Wynch—Robert Palk.

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AT A COMMITTEE THURSDAY THE 27TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
... ROBERT PALK.
MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

The following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw read.

To GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE
SELECT COMMITTEE FOR AFFAIRS OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT &CA. &CA.

Gentlemen

I give you this Trouble to represent to You a great Injustice I think I receive, and that an Injury is done to my Honour and Reputation when Troops are sent out on Service under the Command of a Junior Officer, And by laying before you what I believe is a true State of my Situation in this Country, I hope to obtain your Confidence, and an Assurance that the like shall not be offer'd me for the Time to come. I have too great Respect for you as a Body, and hope I stand too well in your Esteem as Particulars, to receive such unkind usage by Contrivance or Design.

I am the eldest Officer on this Coast after the Commander in Chief, and if the Customs of all the States in Europe are of any weight, I have an undoubted Right to Command any Party or Body of Troops (equal to my Rank) sent out for the Service of the East India Company, where the Commander in Chief does not act himself, and untill I am convicted of want of Courage, Capacity and Conduct, I cannot be set aside without the greatest Partiality and Injustice: I will wait on you in Council to prove this more circumstantially if you think proper, and depend on your Justice, to weigh this Matter duely, and to receive such Reparation for my past, in my future treatment, as is worthy you, and will Re-establish me.

I believe the Merchants of England are superior in Wisdom as well as Riches to those of any People in the World, Yet I will presume to say, their Credit and Esteem with other Nations depends on their Integrity, and the justness of their Actions, not on their Riches or Understanding: And I hope the Gentlemen who represent the most considerable Body of Merchants in Great Britain, will not refuse even to a single Person, that Equity they would observe to a Community; I came hither at the hazard of my Life, and I came with Inclination, it is not my Fault I have not endeavour'd to be usefull, I have always been, and now am ready, to go on any Service you shall think for the Honor or Advantage of the East India Company. I desire to be favour'd with an immediate Answer, and am with all becoming Regard and Respect Gentlemen Your most Obedient and faithful Humble Servant

SAMUEL BAGSHAW.
Lieutenant Colonel to the 39th. Regiment of foot.

Fort St. George
23d. Novr. 1755.

The Committee are of Opinion that a Representation of the above Nature from Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw is quite irregular and out of place, it belonging only to the Commander in Chief to make any Proposals or Complaints concerning the Officers or Troops of the Regiment. It is Agreed however to forbear in our Answer from any Remarks, either on the Nature or the Terms of Lieut. Colonel Bagshaw's Letter, and that the Secretary do only write him That having propos'd Fort St. David to Colonel Adlercron as the most useful Station for his Majesty's Troops, we concluded that to be his (the Lieutenant Colonel's) proper Residence, and that we little

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expected to be charg'd with doing him Injustice by not giving him a Separate Command, as We look'd on him to be more immediately under the Direction of Colonel Adlercron.

Receiv'd the following Letter from Captain John Caillaud.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r. President & Govern^r. &c^a. Gentlemen of the Committee at Madrass.

No. 16. Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I have been honour'd with your Favour of the 3^d. Instant, with further Directions in regard to the Dispute between the King of Tanjore and Tondiman, and wish it were in my Power to give you a more Satisfactory Account of my Success.

Tondiman's Brother, according to his Promise came here, there was Nothing to my best Judgement left untried to engage him to some Concessions; either of the whole or part; or to give up the Country to us. That last Proposal I really did not doubt, his readily acquiescing to; because it was only made on the Strength of an Offer from himself, in his first Visit. But neither threats, nor fair Words, promises or Menaces, could induce the Men to agree to any thing. His Answer was, that We might hinder the King of Tanjore from fighting; for his part he was quiet, and would remain so, unless attack'd, and then he must defend himself.

My Intentions were, had he submitted to put the Country under our Protection, as Mediators, To have sent the English Colours to the Forts, and some Peons with the Hoñble Company's Badge's to the Villages, and then have acquainted the King of Tanjore in form; who certainly would not have ventur'd an Insult to our Flag; Time by that means might have been gain'd, & left us at Liberty to chuse a proper Season to decide the Dispute.

Tondiman's Brother had left me but the Day before I was honour'd with yours. Had I found him more compliant, I would have thought it for the best, to have gone myself to his Brother, after the receipt of your Letter and tried the Success of another Conference, but I had not the least room to expect more than a disagreeable denial to every thing I could propose. I therefore declin'd it; and I thought also to seem too anxious in an Affair of that kind, in which rather We ought to dictate, and be obey'd; might make us lose that necessary Respect, which We are oblig'd to keep up with the Country Powers. However I sent after him, desiring he would either come back or send a Vakeel to whom I had something more to communicate; but having waited two or three Days for an Answer, to no purpose, I let the Affair take its own Course, and M^r. Newton is set out for Tanjore.

We have thought (Excuse us Gentlemen) that your Letter had better not be deliver'd but at the last Extremity. M^r. Newton when he goes back will talk with Monagee, and if possible with the King, and let them know that I have acquainted you of Tondiman's refusal, and expect your Answer. He is also to give them a Hint, that he much doubts, since there is no Answer yet to the first Letters, that perhaps you do not intend to write any more on the Subject. And the Reason, that he believes you are much displeas'd at their late Proceedings; The King not being willing to grant what We deign to ask as a Favour, when We have a Right to demand it from Justice. That he supposes I have got my Orders how to act, if there is any Disturbance in the Country. This may perhaps intimidate them, and protract at least the Time, which is all now I can pretend to do.

I believe the King of Tanjore's Troops are not in a very fit Condition to take the Field; However if they do attempt it, and M^r. Newton finds they are in Earnest, the Letter then is to be deliver'd. In order to give the greater weight to what M^r. Newton may say, as to believing I have any Orders, I am seemingly getting every thing ready for a March. The Field Train is order'd out of the Gates, and all my Motions made as publick as possible. For Fear that our Neighbours should be too inquisitive on the report of such Preparations; I have put them on another

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Scent, by telling them that the Polligars having plunder'd some of our Neighbouring Villages, I am getting ready to march a Party against them; if they do not make proper Acknowledgements in time; I am sorry I am reduc'd to such trifling resources, but to the best of my Capacity I try every thing that can be of Service in the Affair.

Mauphoos Cawn has receiv'd another Check before the Pullitavre; a Detachment of Sepoys he sent out being routed. The worst is, it supplies those Colleries with fire Arms, but which also they will soon spoil, or be useless for want of Flints. He however keeps yet his Ground, and may by Time and Perseverance bring about, what I believe neither the Courage of his Troops, nor his own Skill and Capacity would ever accomplish.

I remain with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your faithfull and most Obedient Humble Servant

Trichinopoly
17th. Novr. 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

The Committee seeing that neither the King of Tanjore nor Tondiman are inclin'd to hearken to any Proposal for an amicable Accommodation of their Difference, think it best to abide by their Resolution of the 3d. Instant on that Subject and it is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud that We are well satisfied with his Endeavours & that as both Parties are so averse to any reasonable Accomodation he must now let the Affair take its Course only observing our Orders of the 3d. in case Hostilities should be commenc'd.

The following Letters from William Perceval Esqr. Read.

To the HoÑble George Pigot Esqr.

Hoñble Sir

The Nabob with the Army arriv'd here Yesterday between 2 & 3 in the Afternoon, after a very fatiguing march, the Roads being in many places extremely bad.

Before we left Trivatoor the Nabob had advice, that Murtaz Ally Cawn had sent two hundred Horse and three hundred Peons to join him, We found most of them encamp'd here; His Vakeel paid his Compliments to the Nabob in the Evening and We attended there. Affairs so far look well; It is said Bommarauze's Vakeel has offer'd two Lacks of Rupees, but on Terms not quite agreeable. The Nabob proposes sending five Hundred Horsemen into his Country this Night; and the whole Army will move that way early to Morrow Morning.

The Nabob desires me to acquaint you, he has very lately receiv'd Letters from Golcondah, that Salabad Jing was so ill his Life is dispair'd of, that he had deliver'd his Seal to his Brother Nizam Ally, desiring him to take the Management of Affairs upon him, but that he declin'd it. The French had prevail'd on him to write three Letters, one to you, one to Murtaz Ally and another to the Nabob; that to you, requesting you would give the Nabob no further Assistance; to Murtaz Ally, not to pay him (the Nabob) any Money or Tribute in future; to the Nabob, not to molest or make any Demands on Murtaz Ally. He does not doubt but you know when and how to answer this Letter, how little regard is to be shown to one who has at Times wrote you to assist him and at other Times not to do it.

In regard to the Nabob of Cuddapah, he hopes you will write him that you are very glad to hear he is in good Friendship with our Nabob, and that while he continues so, he may be sure of your Favour, Friendship and Protection against any of his Enemies.

I am with great Truth Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp near Perembacom
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WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
&ca. Gentlemen of the Committee.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 21st. Instant came to hand the 22d. advising of the Receipt of the two Bills of Exchange on Buckanjee Cashedoss for 35,000 Rupees each and their being accepted.

Your Directions regulating the Establishment of Serjeants and Corporals, shall be duly complied with, those of the Drummers in the two English Companies are, but the Commanding Officer of the Swiss desires time to write to Captain Gauppe to know their particular Establishment respecting their Drummers, which he thinks is more than you mention ; you will be advis'd of that before the beginning of next Month.

By the Returns sent you of the Sepoys you will observe, we have now fifteen Hundred in Camp, Officers included, and but Eleven Companies ; If We reduce the Number of Men in each Company to your new Establishment, we shall have only twelve Hundred and twenty one left, which Major Kilpatrick thinks cannot be your Intention, as in your Instructions you appoint him to the Command of fifteen Hundred, should We make two or three more Companies of the Surplus Men, we must appoint some more new Subadars and Jemmidars. which would greatly encrease the Expence ; and on the other hand, it will be a great Hardship on many of the Havildars and others who are good Men, to be reduc'd at such a Time as this ; If you approve of it, we shall conform as much as possible to your Establishment as Opportunities may offer, but continue them as they are at present.

Bommarauze's Vakeel has detaind us here in hopes of being able to settle his Master's Affairs, and is gone for that Purpose, he is to come back again in Eight Days ; We hope to get two Lack of Rupees at least from him ; we are now endeavouring to bring the little Polligars to Reason, when that is done, we shall be able to settle with Murtaz Ally ; The inclos'd Papers are the Terms offer'd him by the Nabob, and the Terms requir'd of him ; which he desires me to send for your Inspection : Abdul Vahab Cawn the Nabob says is no otherwise concern'd or employ'd but as his Vakeel, and is to do Nothing but by his Orders. I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Wm. Perceval.

Camp near Trioheny
in Bommarauzes Country
24th. Novr. 1755.

A Copy of the Agreement to be given under the Seal of Gulam Murtaza Cawn Bahader.

I hereby swear laying my Hand on the holy Book of Phurkhan, chusing God and his Prophet as also the Blessed Patriarchs and Alcoran as Witnesses, and acknowledge Nabob Sarazeldavala Bahader Governour and Subadar of the Carnateck Payan Gaut under the Jurisdiction of Golcondah, and it shall be my constant Study to act and do whatever may be conducive to the Welfare, Happiness and firmness of Affairs which may lead to the Success and prosperity of the Nabob on a firm footing. I shall observe the foregoing and shall on no account act contrary to the Nabob's Word and Writing. Should any Enemy endeavour to disturb the Peace of the Country, I shall always yield my Assistance to the Nabob with Sincerity in punishing him ; I shall be an Enemy from my Heart to all the Enemies of the Nabob.

Terms offer'd by the Nabob to Murtaz Ally Cawn.

I hereby swear laying my hand on the Hely Book of Phurkan chusing God and his Prophet, as also the blessed Patriarchs & Alcoran as Witnesses to act (by the Blessing of God) according to the Articles hereunder mention'd on Condition of perpetual Alliance.

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———*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*——— [27th.]

I shall not dispossess the Forts and Jagueers which you and your Brothers as also the Mensebdars and those belonging to you had in the Time of the deceas'd Nabob. By the Blessing of God, after the Troubles and Disturbances in the Country are over, the Fort of Chettore shall be given you together with the Masharoot Jagueer as also a Jagueer on Account of Ahasham. As I have great Hopes of Benefit in you, the Customary Taxes signifie nothing, I shall therefore not demand them of you neither at present nor in future. As to the Phousdar's Fees no Body shall molest you.

You demand a Jagueer to be given near you in Lieu of what you have at a Distance in the Pain Gaut Country about this (after the Troubles in the Country are over) I shall dismiss a certain Person and then will grant it to you.

Should any one molest You, by the Blessing of God I shall on all Occasions yield my Assistance to You. Believe me to be in Union with you.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^r.

Hoñble Sir

Having wrote very fully to the Committee, I have only to add, that the Nabob, when he has finish'd his Affairs here, proposes going against Ellavanasoor Fort, to reduce the Amaldar Meer Saib, & hopes you will approve of it. In regard to the Grain in dispute at Madarantigum, the French and Inhabitants in Conjunction have taken great part of it, & the Garrison of Carangoly is in such great want that the Nabob is oblig'd to send them Money for Subsistence from hence, If agreeable to you the Nabob says he will engage the Inhabitants on our part to take as much, which will prevent its being spoild. I am with much Truth Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Camp near Tricheny
in Bommarauzes Country
the 24th. Nov^r. 1755.

William Perceval.

The two Papers enclos'd in M^r. Perceval's Letter, one containing the Terms offer'd Murtaz Ally Cawn, the other the Terms requir'd of him, by the Nabob, being read and consider'd; the Advantages seem to be too great on the Side of Murtaz Ally Cawn, especially as no Stipulation is made of the Tribute he ought to pay the Nabob. Agreed to acquaint M^r. Perceval of these our Sentiments that he may inform the Nabob and represent to him that We shall not be able to judge of the Articles of Accommodation with Murtaz Ally untill the Sum he shall pay is also settled, which Sum should not be less than a Lack of Pagodas.

The Polligar Bommarauze with whom the Nabob is now employ'd being the only one of Consequence It is thought proper to consider how to dispose of the Troops after that Affair is finish'd, so as to save as much of the Expence as possible, as We imagine it will not be necessary for the whole Army to march against the Petty Polligars who may remain to be call'd upon. The taking of Ellavanasoor from Meer Saib as propos'd by the Nabob in M^r. Perceval's last Letter, does not appear to the Committee to be of sufficient Consequence to answer the Expence of sending the whole Army thither and may be undertaken by a small Party of Military with a good Body of Sepoys; The settling to Advantage with Murtaz Ally Cawn seems to us a matter of much more Consequence and might probably be forwarded by the Army's moving to Arcot and there making a Shew of Preparations for the Attack of his Fort, in order to alarm the Killedar, which Destination of the Army would be attended also with the further Advantage of easing the Expence by quartering the Troops in the Town and striking off their Batta. It is however Resolv'd to defer coming to a final Resolution untill we hear more fully from the Nabob: and Agreed to write M^r. Perceval to consult with him on the Subject; and also to represent to him that as the Affairs of the Contested Districts are left to the management of Commissaries appointed for that Purpose, it would not be proper for him to interfere in them.

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[29th.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*——

The President is desir'd to write a Letter of Friendship to the Nabob of Cuddapah, agreeable to the Nabobs desire in Mr. Perceval's Letter of the 21st. Instant.

And in Order to prevent any future Doubts or Difficulties which may be occasion'd by the want of a General Knowledge in Camp and all the Garrisons of the regular Establishment of the Militaryboth English and Swiss, Train of Artillery and Sepoys; As well as for the better management of the Pay Rolls and Accounts of Stores.

The following General Regulations shewing the fix'd Establishment, Pay and Batta of Military Artillery and Sepoys, pointing out also a proper Plan for the management of the Pay Rolls and Accounts of Stores Are Order'd to be transcrib'd in several Copies to be sent to Fort St. David, DeveCotah, Camp, Trichenopoly, Arcot and Changlapet, and Copies also to be deliver'd to the Commissary & Military Paymaster, that the whole may take Place everywhere as soon as possible.

REGULATION OF THE MILITARY ARTILLERY AND SEPOYS ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

MILITARY

ENGLISH COMPANIES.

Establishment.		Pay.		
1 Captain	℔ Day	10	Shill.	
1 Lieutenant		5	,,	
1 Ensign		4	,,	
6 Serjeants		1	,,	8d.
6 Corporals		1	,,	2
94 Private when they can be compleated to that Number.		,,	,,	10
3 Drummers		1	,,	2

Serjeants commanding Companies of Sepoys Pags. 3 ℔ Month extraordinary.

SWISS COMPANIES as regulated in the Contract made between the Hoñble the Court of Directors and Sr. Luke Schaub.

Establishment.			Pay as above.
1 Captain	6 Serjeants	2 Drummers	
2 Lieutenants	6 Corporals	1 Fife	
1 Ensign	1 Drum Major	120 Private	

ARTILLERY COMPANIES conformably to the Orders of the Hoñble the Court of Directors in their Letter dated 15th. December 1752.

Establishment.		Pay.		
1 Captain	℔ Annum	£ 200		
1 First Lieutenant		100		
1 Second Lieutenant		90		
1 Third Lieutenant		90		
6 Serjeants	℔ day	2	Shill	
6 Corporals		1	,,	8d.
30 Bombardiers		1	,,	8
30 Gunners		1	,,	6
40 Matrosses		1	,,	
2 Drummers		1	,,	

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SEPOY COMPANIES.

1 Subadar	℔ Month	60 Rupees.
4 Jemmidars		16
8 Havildars		10
8 Naigues		8
84 Sepoys		6
2 Colourmen		
2 Tomtoms		
1 Trumpet		
1 Conicoply		

FIELD BATTA.

	Pags.
Commanding Officer of the Troops in the field (when a Field Officer)	5 ℔ Day
	Rups.
A Captain receiving Batta on a separate Command	15 ℔ Day
A Lieutenant and Ensign on a separate command	6 ℔ Day
Every Captain Rupees	6 ℔ Day
Lieutenant	4
Ensign	3
Volunteer	3
Serjeant Major & Serjeants commanding Companies of Sepoys	20 ℔ Month.
Serjeants, Corporals, Private Men, Drummers — Victuall'd by the Contractors at	4 Fanams ℔ Day each Man.

TO SEPOYS

Subadar	℔ day 8 Fanams
Jemidar	4
Havildar	2
Naigue	2
Sepoy	2

LASCAR'S PAY

Serangs	℔ Month 3 Pagodas
Tindals	2½
Lascars	2

LASCAR'S BATTA

Serangs	℔ day 3 Fanams
Tindals	2
Lascars	1½

COOLEYS have 2 Fanams ℔ Day Batta in the Field but no Pay.

STANDING ORDERS CONCERNING PAY ROLLS AND PAY OF MILITARY AND ARTILLERY.

All Pay Rolls of Military and Artillery to be sent Monthly to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George and all the Men to be drawn for, and paid on the Spots where they are.

For this Purpose the Commandant of each Garrison & the Commanding Officer of every Detachment in the Field is to receive Monthly the Rolls of every Company or part of a Company both Military and Artillery under his Comand, sign'd by the eldest Officer on the Spot of each Company, and if it should happen that there be

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some Men of a Company in any Garrison or Detachment of which Company neither the Captain nor a Subaltern Officer is present, then the Roll of such Men must be sign'd by the Serjeant or Corporal of such Company present on the Spot.

The Commandant (or Town Major) at Fort St. George is to examine & deliver the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery in the Garrison to the Military Paymaster who will issue the Pay to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot.

The Commanding Officer in Camp is likewise to examine the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery, under his Command and the Paymaster in the Field to issue the Subsistence, receive the Pay Rolls & transmit them to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George.

Whenever a Detachment is made from Garrison or from the Army in the Field, the Subsistence of the Men for the Month they march in, to be paid into the Hands of the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, who is afterwards to draw agreeable to the foregoing Order.

The Commanding Officers at Trichenopoly, Arcot and Changlapet, are in like manner to send the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery under their respective Commands to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George, and to draw on him for the Amount, issuing to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot, the pay for such Men of that Company as are present.

As it may sometimes be difficult for the Commanding Officer at Trichenopoly to get Money for Bills on Fort St. George, he may draw on the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David for the amount of his Pay Rolls, transmitting them nevertheless to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George.

The Commandant at Fort St. David is to deliver the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery in that Garrison to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. David, who will issue the Pay to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot and then the Military Paymaster at Fort St. David is to deliver a Copy of the said Pay Rolls to the Deputy Governor, to be forwarded to the Governor of Fort St. George.

The Commandant at Deve Cotah is to deliver the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery in that Garrison to the Chief there, who will issue the Pay to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot, and then transmit a Copy of the said Pay Rolls to the Govern^{r} of Fort St. George.

The Serjeants commanding at Poonemalee & Terpasore are to send their Pay Rolls to the Town Major at Fort St. George who is to deliver them to the Military Paymaster and receive their Pay.

The Serjeants commanding at Chettapet and Conjeveram are to send their Pay Rolls to the Commanding Officer at Arcot, who is to transmit them to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George and receive their Pay.

Thus the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George will have in his Hands all the Pay Rolls of Military and Train in Camp and in all the Garrisons; and it is Order'd that he cause the said Pay Rolls to be copied Monthly into a Book to be kept for that Purpose.

It is to be observ'd that a Soldier or Man of the Train who dies on or before the 15th. of the Month, is to be struck off the Roll at the End of the Month; but if he dies after the 15th. he is to be continued on the Roll for the next Month. When a Man deserts no further Pay is to be drawn for him after his said Desertion.

Concerning Pay Rolls & Pay of Sepoys.

All Pay Rolls or Abstracts by which the Sepoys are paid, are to be sent regularly every Month to the Commissary at Fort St. George.

Those at Fort St. George, Trichenopoly, Arcot and Changlepet by the several Commandants.

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Those at Poonemalee, Terpettah & Terpasore by the Commandant (or Town Major) at Fort St. George.

Those of Chettapet & Conjeveram by the Commanding Officer at Arcot.

Those in Camp by the Commissary there.

Those at Fort St. David are to be deliver'd by the Commandant to the Military Paymaster there, who is to issue the Pay, and then to forward Copies of the Pay Rolls or Abstracts to the Commissary at Fort St. George.

Those at Deve Cotah are to be deliver'd by the Commandant to the Chief there who is to issue the Pay and then to forward Copies of the Pay Rolls or Abstracts to the Commissary at Fort St. George.

The Commissary at Fort St. George is to cause all the Abstracts of Sepoys to be copied Monthly into a Book to be kept for that Purpose.

The Day of the Death or Desertion of every Sepoy is to be carefully noted in the said Abstracts or Pay Rolls, as well as other Casualties, and it is to be observ'd that when any Sepoy dies or deserts, his Pay is to be stopp'd immediately.

To effect this the Pay or Batta of the Sepoys must not be advanc'd; but that which is due for the first half of the Month is to be issued on the 15th. and that for the last half of the Month is to be issued on the 1st. of the next Month.

Concerning Stores.

A regular Invoice to be sent with all Supplies of Stores to Camp or either of the out Garrisons, and the Commanding Officer of such Camp or Garrison is strictly to examine the Receipt of Stores with the said Invoice and to give particular Information to the Governour when any Deficiency or Overplus is found.

A List of Stores expended in the Field or in Garrison is to be given in to the Commanding Officer, by the proper Officers at the End of every Month for his Inspection.

General Orders.

The Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals in the Service are not to be included in any Companies but to be drawn for separately by the Commanding Officer wherever they are either in Camp or Garrison.

The Serjeants and Corporals Commanding Sepoys are to be exclusive also of the Companies, and to be drawn for seperately by the Commanding Officer wherever they are either in Camp or Garrison.

All Vacancies of Serjeants and Corporals that may happen in the several Companies are to be fill'd out of the Supernumerary Serjeant & Corporals, & no new ones to be made untill those are all incorporated.

The off reckonings for Sepoy or Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals may be drawn for by the Agents for cloathing the different Companies.

All Supernumerary Drummers are to be discharg'd the Service immediately, and any Topasses who may be judg'd by the Commanding Officer in Camp and the several Garrisons to be unfit for the Service.

Many of the Companies of Sepoys being now above the Establishment, no new ones are to be rais'd untill the whole are reduc'd to the said Establishment and when any Company of Sepoys is so reduc'd, the Vacancies that may afterwards happen in the said Company must be fill'd out of the other Companies which are above the Establishment untill they are all on a Level.

It is Order'd also that the Commanding Officer in Camp & the several Garrisons, do muster the Sepoys under his Command once every Month and whenever he finds any among them that are unfit for the Service, they are to be immediately discharg'd.

(Sign'd) George Pigot.

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[27th.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1755.*——

The present Method of paying the Sepoys, partly on the Nabob's Account by the Hands of the Commissary and partly on the Company's Account by the Hands of the Paymasters at the several Garrisons, causing a great Confusion in those Pay Rolls; it is Agreed that all Sepoys be hereafter paid on the Nabob's Account by the Commissary who by that means will have all the Pay Rolls in his Hands and be enabled to discover any Irregularity or abuse.

As Major Kilpatrick may have Occasion to detach small Parties of the Army against some of the lesser Polygars it is Agreed to direct him to insert a Caution in his Instructions to the Officer he may appoint to the Command of every such Party, that no part of the Money stipulated for or receiv'd shall be accounted Presents, but the whole to be the Property of the Company and the Nabob. The Committee think this necessary in order to prevent any future bad Consequences from the extensive meaning given to the word PRESENT by Col^{l}. Heron in his Defence of his Conduct in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries.

Letters from the Renter and Tasealdar of Terpettah Read inclosing Bills for Arcot Rupees Eleven Thousand eight Hundred and fifty (11850) and Pagodas Five Thousand eight Hundred and Seventy (5870) said to be in full for the Septem^{r}. or first Kist of the present Year. The Account of the said Kist being at the same time laid before the Committee and examin'd, there appears to be a Ballance still due from the Renter of Arcot Rupees Seven (7) and Pagodas one hundred Sixty two, twenty one fanams and forty Eight cash (162–21–48) which the Commissary is Order'd to demand from the Renter's Vakeel and to get Payment for the Bills.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
ROB^{T}. PALK.

The Secretary sent the following Letter to Lieut. Colonel Bagshaw pursuant to this Morning's Resolution.

To LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL BAGSHAW.

Sir

I am directed by the Hoñble the President and the Gentlemen of the Committee, to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to them of the 23^{d}. Instant; and in Answer thereto to acquaint you, that in the present Situation of Affairs, it being their Opinion the Regiment his Majesty was graciously pleas'd to send hither, to support the Rights and Priviledges of the Nation would best Answer that End by being station'd at Fort S^{t}. David, where on account of its Vicinity to Pondicherry, they judg'd the greatest Strength ought to be posted, they had recommended that Station to Colonel Adlercron: It therefore very naturally occurr'd to them that where your Regiment was, there also was your properest Station, and indeed so little did they think of doing you Injury that it was impossible they could imagine your Reputation to be in the least affected by not giving you a separate Command as they deem'd you to be more immediately under the Direction of Colonel Adlercron.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
HENRY VANSITTART.
Sec^{ry}.

Fort S^{t}. George
27th. Novem^{r}. 1755.

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again referr'd him to your Letter. He ask'd what I would advise him to, I answer'd you only wanted him to be true to his Engagements and at a better Time would do any thing to serve him if he would recall his Troops and be quiet, this he absolutely refus'd, and said what would the World think for him to be thus us'd by a Polligar; I then ask'd him if he would order Monogee to be quiet, till I had wrote you and receiv'd your Answer, and I would undertake for Captain Caillaud's doing nothing in that time; would I promise him that your Answer would not be the same as the last Letter; I could promise him nothing, he knew the Engagements we were under and the bad Effects that would ensue if he oblig'd us to act against him, by committing any Hostilities; he was then very much at a Loss, at his motion I was going, and then desir'd to sit down, we talked all over again, but as he would come to no determination I left him, desiring him to consider well before he acted, that it was yet in his Power to keep us the same Friends we always had been to him; he promis'd to consider and let me know as Yesterday. almost all the Troops they have are now gone after Monogee, which I believe are no great Numbers, having scarce any Money but what the King has advanc'd out of his privy Purse; he is to make some stay at Aurandangy where they expect to be join'd by 20,000 of the Morravah People.

I have wrote to inform Captain Caillaud of their Motions & shall agreeable to your Orders, regulate myself by his Directions.

Having now sent to the King, to know his Determination, whether he would delay committing Hostilities 'till I knew your Pleasure, and receiving only an evasive Answer, I thought it not proper to delay any longer acquainting your Honor with the above. I am with great Submission Hoñble Sir Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Tanjore
27th. Novr. 1755.

ANDW. NEWTON.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

Hoñble Sir

I Yesterday wrote to acquaint you of the King's Troops being march'd to act against Tondiman and the ineffectual Methods Capt. Caillaud and I had taken either to prevent or postpone their setting out or to have them recall'd. I afterwards endeavour'd to keep them inactive, till We could know your further Pleasure The King could not then determine to agree to that, but having since sent to consult Monogee and I also having deliver'd a Letter from Captain Caillaud, he has this Evening promis'd that his Troops shall not move out of his own Districts, for fifteen Days, he hopes in that Time Orders will come from you, that will be more favourable to his Designs, tho' I have assur'd him, you cannot recede from your Engagements.

The fear of Captain Caillaud's marching to join Tondiman, has been the reason of this Delay, thô I imagine their Troops (with the Morravah's) would not have been ready to act sooner.

As We were very apprehensive, of their pushing Matters so far as to find they were only threatned I had propos'd to Captain Caillaud and which he approv'd of, that when things were at a Crisis, and they found our Troops did not act against them, to acquaint the King, that in resentment to Tondiman, for not giving up the Country to us, as he had promis'd as well as out of Friendship to him, you had order'd him not to march unless call'd upon by the French; but as We hope now to receive your Orders, before they commit any Hostilities shall regulate our Conduct thereby.

It seems pretty certain, that nothing less than their Troops being beat, will make them relinquish or delay any longer their Design.

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[5TH.] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755.*——

I have wrote Captain Caillaud to inform him of the Orders the King has sent to Monogee, and what I have promis'd him in regard to his not joining Tondiman in the time mention'd.

I am with perfect Respect Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Tanjore
28th. Novr. 1755.

ANDW. NEWTON.

The Committee approve of the Arguments Mr. Newton made use of in his Conference with the King of Tanjore and although contrary to that Advice he has sent his Troops into the Field, yet from the Scarcity of Money in Tanjore, there is Reason to hope he will not push the Affair to any great Length. The Committee remain in their former Opinion that it is best to let it take its own Course, avoiding as long as We possibly can the necessity of acting against the King of Tanjore & the President is desir'd to write Mr. Newton in consequence.

Letter from Captain Maskelyne read inclosing the Petition of a Soldier belonging to Arcot Garrison for Pay during his Imprisonment, after the taking of Madrass. As he and all his Comrades had a Gratuity of twenty Pagodas each in full for their Prison Pay, it is Agreed that the Petition be rejected.

The Vakeel of the Tripoty Renter now pays in Arcot Rupees Seven (7) and Pagodas One Hundred fifty nine and ten Fanams. 159 : 10 :—
Allowing 2 ℔ Cent Premium for the Bill as usual 3 : 11 : 48

Ps. 162 : 21 : 48

Pagodas One Hundred and Sixty two, twenty one Fanams, and forty eight Cash, being in full for the Ballance of the September or first Kist of the present Year as by the Account examin'd last Committee.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.

ROBT. PALK.

6TH. Sent the following Letters to Major James Kilpatrick and Mr. Andrew Newton pursuant to the Resolutions of yesterday's Committee.

To MAJOR JAMES KILPATRICK

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 26th. November and 2d. December. We wish Bommerauze may satisfy the Nabob without obliging him to proceed to Hostilities and as to all the lesser Polligars we imagine it will not be necessary for the whole Army to move against them. You will please therefore to consult with the Nabob concerning the future disposition of the Troops. He seems divided between Ellavanasore & Veloor; the former We are of Opinion is not of sufficient Consequence to employ the whole Army, and the latter We should rather wish to see amicably settled which perhaps might be brought about by the Army's moving to Arcot and there making a shew of Preparations for the Siege of that Fort, but We can come to no Determination 'till We hear from the Nabob on the Subject. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
6th. December 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT &CA COMMITTEE.

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755.*—— [6TH.]

To MR. ANDREW NEWTON.

Sir

I have receiv'd your Letters dated 27th. & 28th. November. Your Arguments with the King of Tanjore and Monogee were quite agreeable to my Sentiments. Nothing more can be said on the Subject and We have resolv'd to let the Affairs take its Course, as you will before have been inform'd by Captain Caillaud.

As by your last Letter I learn the King had stopp'd the March of his Troops for fifteen Days under pretence of expecting to hear further from me, should he at the end of that Time enquire whether I have wrote any thing more, you may tell him you believe I wait to hear from him first in Answer to my several Letters; This may perhaps gain a further Delay which next to an amicable Accommodation is all We can wish. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
6th. Decr. 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT — SATURDAY THE 13TH.
STRINGER LAWRENCE — HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME — ALEXR. WYNCH
... — ROBERT PALK.
MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

The two following Letters receiv'd from Captain John Caillaud, Read.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AT MADRASS.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs — No. 17.

Mr. Newton has acquainted me Gentlemen of his having laid before you every thing that has occurr'd at Tanjore since his Return. The delivery of your Letter on Monogee's going out of the Town had a very good Effect, which added to the Report that I was getting every thing ready for a March & Mr. Newton's Hints that he suppos'd I had my Orders, all this put the King in a strange Perplexity.

To bring them still to some more favourable Resolution for us, I wrote to the King in the strongest Terms I could think off to dissuade him from marching, & so far it has succeeded as to procure another Delay of fifteen Days, untill I say, We can have Letters from Madrass.

Thô the last Letter I was honor'd with from you Gentlemen, was quite plain what Part I was to act in Case they proceeded to Extremities, Tondiman's Refusal to give up the Country into our Hands makes some Alterations I think and I humbly beg leave to lay what follows to your Consideration.

Whether if our Army is to come here in the Spring, a Promise might be made by you to the King, that he then should be put in Possession of the Country; If he will now be quiet, I don't think he would refuse that especially for fear of the Alternative, which must be mention'd, & which also he much apprehends, as he thinks us now in Earnest.

This is only offer'd Gentlemen if you think from what I have already communicated to you on the Subject, that the King of Tanjore has the best Right, It appears to me he has some; Tondiman's Behaviour in my humble Opinion, deserves little Favor; Indeed it has been so ridiculous & contrary to his own Interest; that even his Brother & all his People blame him highly.

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By the Army's coming up here Gentlemen, that Affair may be easily adjusted with the rest, which the French have no manner of Business to interfere in.

I apprehend we may say it is the Nabob only settling & fixing the proper Bounds & Limits, of the Respective Countries, of these different Princes; that we may know if any Infringements are made, who to punish; the best & surest Method to keep the Country in Order, and to preserve the Peace of it.

Tondiman I think will make no Difficulty, if once he sees our Army & is acquainted with our Resolution, and if he gives up the Country quietly, he may be promis'd to be consider'd at a proper Time.

If you think fit then Gentlemen to make such a Promise to the King the sooner you will please to do it the better, we can I hope keep them quiet untill that Time comes.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithful Servant

Trichenopoly
30th. Novr. 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AT MADRASS.

No. 18. Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd I have the Honor to transmit to you Gentlemen, the Returns and Accounts of last Month. There are yet come no orders from the Nabob to his Killedar, about paying the Repairs of the Fort; Nor have I yet been honor'd with an Answer to mine of the 1st. Novr. No. 15 on that Subject whether I ought to continue keeping the Buzar in hand for the Payment of those Expences Monthly, untill the Nabob's Order comes, and also till what is already advanc'd be repaid.

I have acquainted you Gentlemen with the Situation of Affairs at Tanjore, in my two last Letters of the 17th. & 30th. No. 16 & 17 nothing since those were wrote has happen'd differently from the Accounts I had the Honor of sending you.

I have had no News from Mauphoos Cawn, he either cares not or will not answer my Letters neither have I had any Accounts from the Man I sent to him, to enquire into those Particulars, you were desirous of being acquainted with; untill a few Days ago & then he wrote me a fit of Sickness had prevented his Proceeding to Mauphoos Cawn, but that he was on his Recovery & would immediately set out.

The Polligars Securities have just kept their Words now as before; I have wrote to their respective Masters, acquainting them that I intend to send their Securities down to our head Settlements, if on Receipt of my Letters they will not contrive Means to pay for their Release. I cannot promise myself much from this Threat, tho I know it is what they are greatly apprehensive of. I am with great Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & faithfull Servant

Trichenopoly
3d. Decr. 1755.

JOHN CAILLAUD.

The Committee then debated on the Proposal submitted to their Consideration by Captain Caillaud in his foregoing Letter of 30th. Novr., as a means to prevent the King of Tanjore from proceeding to Hostilities against Tondiman, which is "in case "our Army is to move that way in the Spring, to make a Promise to the King that "he shall then be put in Possession of the Countries he claims"—Although the King of Tanjore's Right to those Countries is not made indisputably plain, yet in order to prevent Hostilities during the Truce, and in Consideration as well of his former Services as of the weight he will again have should the Troubles recommence we should be extremely glad to give him Marks of our Friendship and might on this

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Occasion make him the Promise propos'd, was it certain that our Troops will be to the Southward in the Spring, and that the Situation of Affairs at that Time will permit us to assist in taking the Disputed Countries from Tondiman ; but as it is quite impossible for us to form any but the most doubtful Judgment of the Turn things may take, it depending entirely on the Answers we are to receive from Europe concerning the Truce, It is resolv'd to avoid entering into Engagements, of which the Execution is so uncertain, and to write Capt. Caillaud and Mr. Newton to acquaint the King of Tanjore that the utmost We can do in his favor is to remain, as if ignorant of his Designs, untill We are publickly call'd on by the French to support the Articles of the Treaty and that he can then blame only himself for the Consequences, as he has sent his Troops into the Field contrary to our repeated Advice.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

Sent the following Letters to Captain John Caillaud and Mr. Andrew Newton pursuant to this Day's Resolutions.

To CAPTAIN CAILLAUD.

Sir No. 17.

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 30th. Novemr. and 3d. Decemr., with the Monthly Papers inclos'd in the latter.

We should be extremely glad as all our former Letters will shew, to prevent Hostilities between the King of Tanjore and Tondiman, but We are unwilling to enter into any new Engagements because the present doubtful Situation of Affairs as to Peace or War makes it uncertain whether we shall be able to perform those Engagements or not. In any thing lawfull or where we could do it with Justice we should be glad to assist the King of Tanjore but in the present Case the utmost We can do is to remain as if ignorant of his Designs untill we are publickly call'd on by the French to support the Articles of the Treaty. We have permitted Mr. Newton to hint as much to the King after his Troops are march'd and to tell him that as he has proceeded to extremities contrary to our Advice he must not blame us for the Consequences. We are Sir Your most Obedt. Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
13th. Decr. 1755.

To MR. ANDREW NEWTON.

Sir

Since answering your Letters of the 27th. and 28th. Novemr. I have heard further from Captain Caillaud of the King of Tanjore's Proceedings. If his Troops move forward I desire you will once more represent to him that We have given him our best Advice, as he thinks proper to act contrary to it, he must not blame us for the Consequences, that in any thing lawfull or where we could assist him with Justice we should chearfully do it, but in the present Case the utmost we can do in his Favor is to remain as if ignorant of his undertaking untill we are publickly call'd on by the French to support the Articles of the Treaty. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
13th. Decemr. 1755.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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WEDNESDAY THE 17TH.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755.*——

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT
STRINGER LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME ALEXR. WYNCH
... ... ROBERT PALK.
MR. PERCEVAL *absent on Service.*

The President lays before the Committee a Letter he receiv'd lately from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 206 also Copies of two Letters wrote by the Nabob to Antazey Punt his Vakeel, to which he (the Nabob) refers.

One of them contains a circumstantial Detail of the Madura and Tinnevelly Affairs from the beginning of the Troubles; shewing that Moodemia the late Rebel Chief of those Countries submitted to the Nabob even in the Life time of Chunda Sahib; that the Mysorean far from being acknowledg'd in those Countries sent several Parties to attack them, which Parties were constantly defeated, so that neither He nor the French ever had footing in them. This Detail is a sufficient Confutation of the Pretensions Mr. De Leyrit endeavour'd in one of his late Letters to set up, and it is Agreed to transmit him a Copy of it if he makes any Reply to the Answer sent him by the President.

The other Letter from the Nabob to his Vakeel is chiefly on the Subject of the Buzar Duties of Trichenopoly; representing the Disgrace it will be to him if those Duties remain under the independant Direction of our Officer and earnestly requesting they may be delivered back to the management of his People — That he is willing to advance the Money necessary for carrying on the Repairs of that Fort as well as Arcot and Changlepet but unable to provide for the Charges General, as Oyl &ca. for the Use of the Garrisons.

The Nabob did before promise to find Money for the Repairs of the Forts, but the Killedar of Trichenopoly never having receiv'd any Orders on that Subject, refus'd to pay Capt. Caillaud's Bills. For this Reason Captain Caillaud took the management of the Buzar Duties and We approv'd this Step in Committee the 21st. Novemr. In confidence however that the Nabob will now fulfill his repeated Promise and provide for the Repairs of all the Forts it is Agreed in complyance with his Request to direct Captain Caillaud to give back the Buzar Duties to the management of his (the Nabob's) People, and in future to advance the Charges General out of the Company's Money.

And for the better Regulation of the said Repairs it is Agreed to send Orders to the several Commanders to transmit us an Estimate of the Cost of such as they may find necessary for the Defence of the Place and wait our Answer. If We judge it to be a useful work We shall send the Estimate to the Nabob that he may give an Order for the Money to carry it into Execution;

And if the Nabob upon such Application should at any time neglect to give the Order, either the Work must be stopp'd or the Buzar Duties be again taken into the Hands of our Officers, untill he shall furnish the Money necessary, for We are determin'd to abide by the Resolution heretofore made, that none of the Company's Money shall be disburs'd on the Repairs of Country Forts.

The Company being however charg'd with the Repairs of Trichenopoly since the Month of August by Reason of the Killedars refusing to pay the Bills it is Agreed to direct Captain Caillaud to bring to the Company's Credit whatever he may have collected from the Buzar to the Day of his receiving these Orders, which will We imagine at least reimburse the Sum advanc'd.

Letter from Captain Maskelyne dated the 9th. Instant read advising that he is under great Apprehensions that the Killedar of Chettapet has a Design to declare for the French and admit them into the Fort; that these Apprehensions are grounded on the Reports made to him by the Chief Peon of the Place who has inform'd

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him that the said Killedar has lately entertain'd one Gordon, a Runaway Scotch Doctor who is said to be a Spy for the French, that several Letters have been privately sent and receiv'd to and from Pondicherry, and that he (the Killedar) has plac'd Tappies on the Arcot Road as far as Aureny to advise him if more than five Men move that way together; for which Reasons He (Capt. Maskelyne) has given Orders to Serjeant Rose, who commands the Sixteen Men we formerly posted there, to keep his People sober, be strictly on his Guard and in case any Suspicious People from Pondicherry lurk'd about the Fort, to secure them;

At the same Time the President laid before the Committee two Letters he receiv'd the 15th. & 16th. Instant from the Killedar of Chettapet as enter'd in the Country Correspondence No. 212 & 213. In the first of these he complains that Serjeant Rose had seiz'd Doctor Gordon an old Friend of his, whom he had sent for to give Physick to his Father, that the said Serjeant began to lay great Restraints upon the Merchants and Inhabitants passing to and fro, and that he had also open'd the Powder Magazine and distributed Cartridges to his Soldiers, which making him the Killedar very uneasy he begs the Serjeant may be recall'd or order'd to behave in quiet manner. The Killedar in his Second Letter complains of further Irregularities committed by the Serjeant, one Instance of which is that he came to his House about Midnight and wanted him (the Killedar) to go home with him, under Pretence that he had something of Consequence to communicate, whereupon to prevent any further bad Consequences, he by politick Measures took the Serjeant Prisoner and sent him in under a Guard. He begs that Corporal Glen, the next in Command may be continued there but the ten Men who were last sent recall'd by reason of the great Expence he is at in maintaining them.

Serjeant Rose who was accordingly brought in Yesterday says in his Justification that he thought himself oblig'd to take all the Measures complain'd of by the Killedar, in Obedience to the Orders he receiv'd from Capt. Maskelyne to secure all suspicious Persons and be watchful that the Killedar did not make his Escape.

The Committee considering all the above recited Circumstances are of Opinion that the Killedar of Chettapet is not a Friend either to the Nabob or the French but aims to be independant of both. He has a considerable Strength both of Horse and Sepoys, and the Fort is one of the strongest in the Country, for which Reasons it was very indiscreet in Captain Maskelyne to give such extensive Orders to the Serjeant, whose small Command must needs be at the Mercy of the Killedar. In this Situation it is thought most prudent to endeavour to keep him in temper for fear of his calling in other Assistance before an Opportunity may offer of reducing him to the Nabob's Obedience — To let all the Men that are there remain under the Command of Corporal Glen, giving the Killedar for Reason that as We are yet uncertain about the Peace it is best for him to keep them with him; and in order to obviate his Plea concerning the Expence, to acquaint him that he has no Occasion to make them any Allowance (Capt. Maskelyne will send them their Pay and their Batta must be struck off as in the Garrisons of Arcot and Changlepet) that we were not acquainted with the Steps taken by Captain Maskelyne and very much disapprove them as We are confident it is both his Interest and Intention to keep in Friendship with us, and as he is desirous of corresponding only with the President concerning his Affairs, and not with the Commander at Arcot it is Agreed to write Captain Maskelyne that he is not to send any Orders to Chettapet in future, except on any Emergency the Killedar should apply to him for Assistance.

The following Letters from William Perceval Esq. and Major Kilpatrick, Read,

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.

Honble Sir

The 30th. Ultimo in the Morning the Army march'd to this Place about 10 Miles, the Vakeel of Bommarauze not having sent the Nabob satisfactory Accounts as had been expected; We should have march'd into his Country this Morning had not the

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Vakeel arriv'd in Camp last Night; We hope Affairs will now be accommodated, for I cannot see much Profit can accrue to the Company by taking or plundering the Country, the Inhabitants have carried away every thing and lodg'd them in strong Holds, so that We shall find great Difficulty to get at them. Trichany or Tritani is about three Miles distant bearing about NNW. I was at it Yesterday, it is a pretty Pagoda very pleasantly situated on an high Hill and a Fortification round it, inhabited chiefly by Brahmins. I am very truely Hoñble Sir Your most Obed^{t}. humble Serv^{t}.

Camp near Hills
under Trichany
2nd. Dec^{r}. 1755.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

To THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
&C^{A}. GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I now enclose you the General Muster of the Military Sepoys &c^{a}. Attendants on the Army taken Yesterday.

As We are on the point of settling with Bommerauze, I hope in a few Days to send you an agreeable Account of our Success. I am Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servant

Camp at Tichany
the 8th. Decem^{r}. 1755.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

To THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
&C^{A}. GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your favor of the 30th. Novem^{r}. with the Book of Regulations and Translate of the two Papers of Proposals concerning Murtaz Ally Cawn came to hand the 9th. and Yesterday I acquainted the Nabob with your Orders.

The Terms offer'd to Murtaz Ally Cawn are on Condition of his paying one Lack of Pagodas, agreeable to my Letter of the 3^{d}. Novem^{r}. One Lack of Rupees to be paid in ready Money, as I advis'd the Governor in my Letter of the 10th. the Remainder in a certain Time; This the Nabob says, we may be assur'd of, he thinks, without committing Hostilities.

The Nabob is of your Opinion, that there is no Occasion for sending the whole Army against Ellavanasoor or going himself; but ask'd me if it could not be done while he was at Arcot, I Said to be sure it was, or you would not have propos'd it; he said very well, but it should be done soon, for he did not intend to enter Arcot, till the Veloor and Ellavanasoor Affairs were finish'd, but to remain in his Camp by it, as he then intended to give Arcot a new Name.

In regard to retrenching the Expences of the Expedition, and quartering the Troops in Arcot to save the Expence of Batta, The Nabob express'd great Surprise; have not I, said he made over the greatest part of my Country to the Company, to the Amount of Eight Lack of Rupees? and did not they promise, before I left Madrass, that this Army should go wherever I pleas'd, to settle my Affairs in the Arcot Province? why should they think so much of two or three Months' Batta? have not you already sent them in more Money than they expected from the Expedition? He desir'd me to write this to you, which I could not decently refuse but promis'd to do. In order to compleat his Affairs & settle him firm in the Nabobship of Arcot, I believe it may be necessary that you give Orders to Major Killpatrick to detach a Party of his Military with a Body of Sepoys, when the Nabob and he may find it convenient.

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When his Affairs in this Province are well establish'd, he talk'd of going to Trichinopoly and the Southward, I said when we had finish'd with Murtaz Ally Cawn, I would beg leave to go to Madrass and he might then acquaint you with his Intentions, that you might consult and determine, what might be thought necessary for such an Expedition, which he purposes to do. I am Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servant

Trichany
11th. Decemr. 1755.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

P.S. One chief Reason why the Nabob is desirous of keeping the Field near Arcot, is his having the Veloor and several other Killedar's Troops with him, intending to settle the Veloor Affair before they separate, which they otherwise would probably do.

Idem.
W.P.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr. &c. Committee of Correspondence at Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I am just now honour'd with your Letters of the 30th. Ult. and 6th. Instant; the Regulations the former contains, and the Orders enclos'd with it shall be carefully observ'd in Camp.

On the 7th. at Night Bommerauzes Vakeels settled their Affairs with the Nabob to his Satisfaction; and at the Expiration of four Days from that time, half the Sum stipulated for, is to be paid in ready Money, Mr. Perceval tomorrow will fully inform you of the Particulars of that Agreement. I am with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs your most Obedt. &ca.

Camp near Tritany
8th. Decemr. 1755.

JAMES KILLPATRICK.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr. President & Govr. &c. Committee of Correspondence at Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of your Letter of the 6th. Instant I have apply'd to the Nabob to know his Resolutions with respect to the lesser Polligars, and the future Disposition of the Army, He tells me that as soon as the first part of the Agreement with Bommerauze is fulfill'd, by the ready Money's being receiv'd His Intentions are to go to Arcot with the Army, and employ a Party of Bommerauze's Men with some other Country Force to settle Accounts with the little Polligars hereabouts.

He does not seem at all apprehensive that the Killedar of Veloor will give him any Trouble but imagines his Affairs with him, will be easily adjusted on his Arrival at Arcot; On the contrary he is very desirous of a Party's being sent against the Polligar of Ellavanasoor as soon as the Army have finish'd their present Business, you will be pleas'd therefore to acquaint me whether or no it is agreeable to you that I should give him the Detachment he desires. I am with the greatest Respect Hoñble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Camp near Tritany
11th. Decemr. 1755.

JAMES KILPATRICK.

As the Nabob thinks the Reduction of the Fort of Ellavanasoor of great Consequence to his Affairs, it is Agreed to direct Major Killpatrick to send a proper Person to observe the Strength and Situation of the place and of the Roads to it; to transmit us the information he may receive with his Opinion of the Force necessary to act against it, after which We shall order a proper Detachment for

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that Expedition, and as to the Rest of the Army the Committee are of Opinion that it had better be quarter'd at Arcot and the Batta sav'd, than lye encamp'd near it, according to the Nabob's Proposal, at an unnecessary Expence.

And it is further Agreed to write Mr. Percival that We shall be very glad to have the Nabob's Affairs with Murtaz Ally Cawn finish'd on the Terms mention'd in his Letter of the 11th. Decemr., One hundred thousand (100,000) Rupees to be paid in ready Money, provided good Security, which we look upon to be only Soroffs Bills, is got for the Remainders of the Lack of Pagodas to be stipulated for.

Mr. Commissary Orme lays before the Committee the November Account of Disbursements receiv'd from Camp, which being examin'd, the following Remarks are made.

First that Captain Lee is paid Batta both as Captain and Secretary from the 12th. October to the 30th. November: As Captain Lee did not leave Madrass till the 30th. Novemr., this Charge is very irregular and not to be admitted; for it is our constant Rule that Batta shall commence on the Day of every man's taking the Field and be paid only while he is on actual Service, or on his Journey between Camp and Garrison.

Secondly that the Artificers and Cooleys are paid by Abstracts deliver'd in by the Train Officer and Quarter Master. This is contrary to our Regulations which point out that every Disbursement is to be made directly by our Paymaster or Commissary who are the proper Persons to be responsible to us.

Thirdly that nineteen new Sepoys were entertain'd in the Month of Novemr. This also is contrary to our Intentions which are that no new Sepoys be rais'd without our particular Directions.

Order'd that the Account be return'd to Camp, that the first abovemention'd Article may be rectified, and that Mr. Perceval be desir'd to see that our Intentions regarding all the three Articles are more strictly observ'd in future.

Order'd also that the Commissary do regularly lay the Monthly Account of Camp Disbursements before the Committee with his Remarks on any Article that appears extraordinary.

The President acquaints the Committee that Mr. Perceval has represented to him by Letter dated the 26th. Novembr. that the Allowance of 5 Pagodas a Day made to Major Killpatrick will be very insufficient to defray his Expences unless his Servants as Linguist, Dubash, Pallanquin Boys, Peons &ca. according to a List enclos'd amounting Monthly to 374 Rupees be allow'd him further by the Company.

The Committee do not approve of paying the Commanding Officer's Servants in the manner propos'd by Mr. Perceval, but chuse rather to be at a fix'd Expence and therefore as we would not have Major Killpatrick suffer himself while he is doing Service to the Company, it is Agreed to give him an additional Allowance of three Pagodas a Day, in all eight Pagodas a Day, in lieu of every kind of Allowance, requiring of him at the same time to be strictly careful that no one in Camp in the Company's Pay do serve any Officer or other Person in a private Capacity.

Letters from Captain Maskelyne and Capt. Polier read, acknowledging the Receipt of the Military Regulations, and promising that they shall be strictly observ'd in the Garrisons of Arcot and Changlepet under their Command; representing also the necessity of some few Repairs in the Fortifications of those Places.

Order'd that they send in Estimates pursuant to our former Resolution of this Day.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
ROBT. PALK.

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This Evening the President receiv'd the following Letter from Mr. Perceval, by which the Committee have the Satisfaction to observe that he himself had taken Notice of the Irregularity of Captain Lee's Demand. As to the Batta paid to Mr. Maunsell the Committee think it reasonable to allow it him on Account of the frequent Journeys he made during that Time to Arcot and Camp which must have cost him his Batta.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.

Hoñble Sir

The Regulations for the Camp you were pleas'd to send me, are very good & very necessary. That you may not think me negligent in my Duty, I take the Liberty to mention to you what appears to me irregular, that you may give me Instructions accordingly.

Mr. Maunsell has charg'd in the Commissary's Accounts Batta for himself & Capt. Lee from the Time the Army took the Field, which I told him I believ'd would not be allow'd for I understood no Man or Officer was entitled to it, but when in the Field, he pleaded for himself that he had acted all along as Commissary & had been once or twice at Camp during the Court Martial; For Capt. Lee, that he had been order'd to Camp but detain'd in Town by the Court Martial, however if not allow'd that Money is to be return'd.

I always thought Batta was only intended while in the Field otherwise many others that may come out to Camp may expect the same Indulgence; I beg therefore you will be very particular to me on this Head & you will very much oblige Hoñble Sir your &cr.

Camp at Trechany
14th. Decemr. 1755.

Wm. Perceval.

Sent the following Letters to Mr. Perceval, Major Killpatrick, and Captain Caillaud pursuant to Yesterday's Resolutions. [18TH.]

To William Perceval Esqr.

Sir

We have before us your Letters of the 8th. & 11th. Decemr. and your Letter to the President of the 2d. Decemr.

As We do not spare Expence to forward any necessary undertaking, so it is our Duty to put an end to it; or lessen it as much as Possible when that necessity ceases. We only desire the Nabob will hasten his Affairs with the Polligars and our Intention is afterwards to send a Part of the Army [to] Ellavanasoor and to quarter the Rest at Arcot in order to save the Batta for We do not see to what end they should lye encamp'd near it when they can be so easily set in motion again upon any Occasion. We can perceive already that the Expences of Batta and Stores are at least equal to the Sum we have receiv'd and the Nabob surely cannot think much of this if he reflects on the largeness of the Sum the Company is in Advance for him, nor ought he to be surpriz'd that We have some further Object than barely to save Charges.

We shall not object to the Contract propos'd between the Nabob and the Killedar of Veloor provided the Sum you mention of ready Money is paid and proper Security given for the rest, but We can look upon none but Soroffs Security in that Light, all others must in the present Case be subject to Doubts and Difficulties.

Upon your Representation to the President of the Insufficiency of Major Killpatrick's Appointments we have Agreed to allow him three Pagodas a Day more, in all eight Pagodas a Day which is to be in lieu of every kind of Allowance; and

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therefore no Linguist, Persian or Moratta Writer, Musick Washerman or Barber or other Retinue is hereafter to be charg'd to the Company. We have made this Allowance to Major Killpatrick in order that he may employ what Attendants & Servants he chuses, and desir'd him strictly to observe that no Person paid by the Company is to serve any Officer in a private Capacity.

In our Examination of the Novem^r. Account of Camp Disbursements, we found some Articles which require Amendment and Regulation.

First We observe that Capt. Lee is Paid Batta both as Captain and Secretary from the 12^th. October although he did not leave Madrass 'till the 30^th. Novem^r. It is our constant Rule and a Rule from which We cannot deviate, that every Man's Batta shall commence on the Day of his taking the Field, and be paid only while he is on actual Service or on his Journey between Camp and Garrison; We have therefore order'd the Commissary to return the Account that the Charge abovemention'd may be struck out, and commence only from the Day of Captain Lee's leaving Madrass. You will please to see this done and to be careful in future not to admit any such Demand. We have no Objection to M^r. Maunsell's Charge of Batta for himself as he has been at an extraordinary Expence in going several Times to Camp and Arcot.

Secondly We observe that Abstracts of Batta are given in by the Train Officer and Quarter Master and the Cash issued according to that Abstract which is contrary to our Orders. We intend that every Disbursement shall be made immediately by the Paymaster or Commissary who are the proper Persons to be responsible to us. Thus every Cooley and Artificer is to receive his Pay with his own Hand from the Paymaster or Commissary directly; and the same of every Sepoy.

And thirdly we observe that nineteen new Sepoys are entertain'd in the Month of Novem^r. which is contrary to our Intentions. We have at Deve Cotah and other Places a great Number of Sepoys more than are wanted, therefore no new ones are to be rais'd but if by Reason of the Casualties that may happen, there should be occasion for more Sepoys in Camp, we shall detach some from other Places.

We have thought proper to put the Bullocks on a new Regulation, you will therefore be pleas'd to follow the Directions you may receive from the Commissary General in regard to them.

We do not order the Detachment against Ellavanasoor untill We have some Account of the Strength of the Place whereby to judge what Force will be necessary; For this Purpose We have desir'd Major Killpatrick to send a proper Person to take an Observation of the Nature and Situation of the Fort and of the Roads to it, and it's Distance from Trenomalee. We are sir You most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEX^R. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort S^t. George
18^th. Decem^r. 1755.

P.S. Since closing the above, the President has communicated to us another Letter from you, by which We are glad to see that you had Yourself taken Notice of the Irregularity of Capt. Lee's Demand, and intended to rectify it.

To MAJOR JAMES KILLPATRICK.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters dated the 8^th. & 11^th. of this Month.

We shall be very glad to see the Nabob's Hopes of settling easily with the Killedar of Veloor fulfill'd, and as he is of Opinion that his Country Forces will be sufficient to finish with the lesser Polligars, it is our Intention to send a part of the Army to Ellavanasoor and to quarter the rest at Arcot in order to save the Expence of Batta.

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But before We give Directions for the Party to be sent to Ellavanasoor, it is necessary to be acquainted with the Strength of that Fort, or rather fortified Pagoda that We may judge what Force will be proper for the undertaking; You will please therefore to send what Person you think most fit, to observe the Nature and Situation of the Place; & whether the Roads will admit of heavy Cannon to pass, should it be necessary, Trenomalé we imagine will be most convenient for supplying it & therefore the Nabob should desire Kieredy Cawn to make Preparations as secretly as possible, as We think it would be easiest to surprize it: acquaint us with the Information you get and at the same Time with your Opinion of the Force requisite for the Expedition propos'd.

Upon a Representation made by Mr. Perceval to the President of the Insufficiency of your Allowance to defray your Expences in the Field we have agreed to encrease your Batta from five to eight Pagodas a Day, which he is to pay you in lieu of all Linguists, Writers, Attendants and Allowances of every kind. We thought this the best way of fixing it in order that you may employ what Retinue and Servants you please and pay them yourself. We must expect from you on our part that you carefully observe that no one in Camp, in the Company's Pay do serve any Officer [or] Person in a private Capacity, as their Batta frugally [ma]nag'd will be more than sufficient to defray all extraordinary Expences. We are Sir Your most Obedt. Servants GEORGE PIGOT—STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY—ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

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To CAPTAIN JOHN CAILLAUD.

Sir No. 18.

Since we wrote you concerning the Buzar Duties, We have agreed, upon the Nabob's Representations, to deliver them back to his management. You will be pleas'd therefore to bring to the Company's Credit whatever you have collected from them to the Day of your receiving this Letter; and debt the Company for all the Repairs and Charges General to the same Day. Then give up the management of the Buzar to the Killedar,

And hereafter the Charges General are to be put to the Company's Account and no Repairs to be carried on but under the following Regulation. When you find any Repair of the Fortifications necessary, you will make an Estimate of the expence, transmit one Copy to us and deliver another to the Killedar, for the Nabob. From this Estimate We shall form an Opinion and when we judge it to be a useful Work we shall write to the Nabob for an Order for the Sum requir'd; You are therefore not to begin on any Works 'till you have the Money paid you, & in case of too great a Delay you will represent the same to us that We may take the necessary Measures to get you supplied. We are Sir Your most Obedt. Servts.

Fort St. George
[18th. Dece]mr. 1755. GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COMMITTEE.

AT A COMMITTEE

Present

GEORGE PIGOT Esqr.	GOVERNR. PRESI[DENT]	WEDNESDAY
STRINGER LAWRENCE	HENRY PO[WNEY]	24TH.
ROBERT ORME	ALEXR. WYN[CH]	
.. ..	ROBERT PAL[K.]	

MR. PERCEVAL *absent on servi[ce.]*

Two letters from Messrs. Gauppe and Bannatyne our Commissaries at Madarantegu[m] dated the 21st. & 22d. Instant, as read as enter'd in the Book of their Proceedings No. 127 & 128, setting [forth] that on the 20th. Instant Three Sepoys

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belonging to the French Commissaries enter'd arm'd into Madarantegum, and one of them, within fifty Yards of the Choultry where our Commissaries reside, fir'd his Piece, the Shot of which struck a Pillar within three foot of the Spot where our Gentlemen then were; that they immediately demanded Satisfaction from Mr. DuRocher, the French Commissary then on the Spot, and in the mean time for their Personal Security posted six Sepoys in each of the Avenues to their Choultry. That Mr. DuRocher, at first promis'd to enquire and find out the Criminal, but in his Second Letter dated the 22d. Instant, absolutely refus'd to take any Notice of the Affair, so far the Contrary that since the committing of this Insult, other French Sepoys have enter'd with their Arms into Madarantegum.

Although the Committee can hardly imagine the firing of the Piece was an intended Act of Assassination against the Persons of our Commissaries, yet the entering of French S[epoys] arm'd into Madarantegum which is a Place belong[ing] [in] contestably to the Nabob without giving previous Notic[e of] their Intentions is contrary to the Law of Nations, and to [the] Faith of the Treaties subsisting between the English and Fren[ch.]

And Mr. DuRocher's absolute Refusal to give our Gentlemen any Satisfaction, and his suffering other French Sepoys to enter arm'd into Maderantegum after this Action (whether it was an Accident or not) are Proofs that he is an Encourager of the Insolencies of his Sepoys.

It is Agreed therefore to transmit to Mr. De Leyrit Copies of the Seven Letters which pass'd between our Commissaries and Mr. DuRocher on this Occasion, and to demand of him Satisfaction adequate to the Insult our Commissaries receiv'd in their publick Character, and the Personal Risque they Run.

And as the Superiority in Number of the French Sepoys over ours (they having near two hundred, we not more than Sixty) makes them no doubt the more inclin'd to be insolent, and may also have a bad Effect on the Disposition of the Inhabitants of the Contested Districts; It is Resolv'd to direct Captain Polier to detach one Hundred Sepoys from Changlepet to Carangoly Fort, situated close to Madarantegum, which will make our Numbers nearly equal to the French, and Agreed at the same Time to caution our Commissaries to behave with their usual Prudence, avoiding as much as possible all Occasions of Dispute, and not ordering the Sepoys out of the Fort without a material Necessity, that the Expence of Batta may not be incurr'd.

It is through absolute necessity the Committee resolve to send more Sepoys into the Contested Districts, being of Opinion that an arm'd Force is inconsistent with the Nature of those Discussions which should be carried on only by a free and impartial Examination of Facts, And it is Agreed to enforce these Sentiments to Mr. De Leyrit and propose to him the withdrawing all the Sepoys on both Sides.

Mr. John Smith, Supravizor at Deve Cotah having represented to the President and Council that the Number of Sepoys at present at that Garrison is far more than sufficient for the Occasions of it; the President and Council in their Answer referr'd him to the Committee for Orders on that Subject.

As it was thought more prudent to keep up a Body of those Sepoys who have been us'd to Service, than to be oblig'd to raise new ones upon every Occasion, a large Proportion of them was posted at Deve Cotah, it being in general the most convenient place for making Detachments, and the Expence the same as if they were kept in any other Garrison.

Agreed to write a Letter to Mr. Smith, of the above purport, and to direct him to hold those Sepoys in readiness to take the Field, as We may probably have Occasion for their Service on the Expedition intended against Ellavanasoor.

GEORGE PIGOT.
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Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Mr. De Leyrit with Seven Papers inclos'd, as entered in the French Co[rrespond]ence under No. 81 and pursuant to the Resolutions of the [fore]going Committee, also the following Letter to John Smith Esqr.

To JOHN SMITH Esqr.

Sir

The President and Council have communicated to us your Remark concerning the Sepoys laying at Deve Cotah. They have not been continued there as the standing Number for that Garrison, but on account of the Situation of Deve Cotah which lays convenient for detaching Parties where they may be requir'd. In few days we shall have occasion to draw some of them away & must desire therefore that you will please to give Directions for their being held in readiness. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants GEORGE PIGOT— STRINGER LAWRENCE—HENRY POWNEY— ROBERT ORME—ALEXR. WYNCH—ROBERT PALK.

Fort St. George
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